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ANIMALS AND MUSIC.

EXPERIMENTS AT THE LONDON ZOO.

THE SNAKE CHARMER MYTH.

[By E. G. BOGNER,
(Director of the Zoological Society's
Aquarium).]

The love of music is a heritage handed down to all mankind since the first living thing arose capable of emitting sound, and it is indeed appreciated by many of those creatures which we are pleased to designate as "the lower animals." Before entering upon the part that music plays in the lives of birds and beasts in their native haunts, we offer the results of a musical experiment recently performed in the London Zoo. An orchestra consisting of two violins, an oboe, a flute, and a mouth organ made a tour of the menagerie, visiting each house or enclosure in turn. The results were illuminating, if somewhat confusing.

For instance, the rhinoceros was found to have no ear for music, and attempted to charge the orchestra, no matter what tune was played. The "Moonlight Sonata," and "Tea for Two" alike aroused his ire. The seahorses, on the other hand, were delighted with everything put before them with the exception of "jazz." No matter how busy playing in their pond, they paused and rose to the surface as soon as the orchestra struck up. Most of the melodies that had excited the rhino delighted them, and they remained standing waist high out of the water until the last strains had died away. There could be no question of ulterior motives. The Zoo's seahorses always become elated when they see their keeper—associating him with fresh fish—but the orchestra offered no material reward for attention. Thunderstorms and war-time gunfire have no effect upon the seahorses, so that mere noise cannot offer an explanation for their enthusiasm.

The Zoo's wolves and jackals responded all too readily to the music offered. A tune set in a minor key at once caused them to point their noses to the sky and give voice in so vociferous a manner as to drown completely the orchestra. The minor key, depressing at all times, had a like effect upon most of the animals. The cheetahs thoroughly enjoyed "I want to be happy," but registered discontent and even alarm when favoured with Gounod's "Funeral March."

The Gentle Crocodile.
The orchestra when playing in the reptile house never failed to bring the crocodile to the surface. In fact every pond was emptied, the beasts clustering on the banks, and with heads upraised evincing the keenest interest in the performance. In the insect house the like effect was obtained with the scorpions and certain spiders. All birds, strange to say, were in no way attracted. Some were obviously annoyed.

Mosquitoes and Dynamite.
It is difficult to summarise the results of such experiments. Apparently each beast's music is another's discord, and what enraptures the emotional seahorse exasperates the phlegmatic rhino. Animal songs that strike us as mere noises may tear the heart strings of the creatures intended to hear them. The howl of the tom cat and the screech of the barn owl from the dead oak are equally approved by "specialised" audiences. It is difficult to say exactly where "melody" begins and "noise" ends. In warm weather, for instance, millions of mosquitoes are done to death by coming into contact with the dynamite of our many power stations. The "note" of the dynamite appeals to the males, and they flock to the danger zone, probably interpreting the engine's drone as a love-song of a possible bride. This falling on the part of the mosquito has been turned to account in some quarters. An American engineer has devised an ingenious electrical appliance giving out a particular note which attracts the mosquitoes in force, the insects hurling themselves upon the apparatus, where they are at once electrocuted.

Snake Charmer Bluff.
There can be no doubt that some animals are fascinated by music, and such legends as that of Orpheus and the Pied Piper are based upon some substratum of fact. One

(Continued in next column.)

PRINCE CHICHIBU OF JAPAN.

BETROTHAL IS EXPECTED SOON.

SEVERAL POSSIBLE BRIDES SELECTED.

It is reported that the authorities of the Imperial Household Ministry are anxious to arrange the marriage of Prince Chichibu, younger brother of the Emperor, at the earliest date possible.

One of the high officials of the Ministry in charge of the affair has said that the engagement of the Prince, which is expected to be concluded some time this year, will be unofficial due to the period of mourning for the late Emperor Taisho. It is believed (says the Japan Advertiser) that the formal engagement will be announced early next year, and that the wedding will take place in April or May.

The Imperial bride is not to be chosen from among the daughters of Imperial Blood, Princes or Marquises, but several possible brides for the Prince, each about 20 years old, are said to have been selected from among daughters of high born families.

SINGAPORE DEFENCES.

ARRIVAL OF WAR OFFICE COMMISSION.

Among the arrivals in Singapore by the *Moroc* on April 22nd was Lieut.-General Sir Webb Gillman, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., the Inspector of Artillery to the War Office.

General Gillman is accompanied by other officers, and we understand that they form a commission and will stay in Singapore about three months with the object of making full inquiry into the question of the defences of Singapore island in connection with the Naval Base.

It will have been noted that for some time past the *Government Gazette* has contained notifications of the acquisition of land on various parts of the coast in connection with these defences. The decision of the War Office to have a commission on the spot under the presidency of the Inspector of Artillery indicates that the question is to be gone into thoroughly prior to formulating the full scheme of work for the Base.

General Gillman, who is accompanied by Lady Gillman, is staying at the *Europe Hotel*. The party also includes Lieut.-Col. R. F. Lock, R.A., and Mr. MacQueen.

It is interesting to note that General Gillman served in the South African War and had a most distinguished record of service in the Great War. He was Chief of General Staff, Mesopotamia Expeditionary Force. He was promoted Major-General in 1916 and Lieut.-General last year—*Straits Times*.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Macao Race and Recreation Club Athletic Meeting.
Football:—Lai Wah Final: Civilian (holders) v. Army, H.K. F.C. ground.
Yachting: Closing Cruise at Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.
Postponed Steeplechase Meeting at Kwantai.
H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).
Quarry Bay Cup competition. Volunteer Headquarters, 3.30 p.m.
Hockey: Wanderers v. 5/2 Punjabis, 4.30 p.m.

Tennis League:—Division "A": H.K.C.C. v. C.C.C.; U.S.R.C. v. M.B.R.; Division "B": R.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.; M.B.R. v. U.S.R.C.; Club de Recreio v. Nippon Club; University v. S.C.A.A.; C.C.C. v. R.E. Division "C": H.K.C.C. v. K.C.C.; Nippon Club v. C.R.C.; Club de Recreio v. S.C.A.A.; Kowloon British School F.P.A. v. C.C.C.; Netherlands T.C. v. Tai Koo R.C.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m. Entries close for Amateur Boxing Tournament, V.R.C., 8 p.m. Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m. Craignower Cricket Club dance. Lee Theatre: Professor Harry Piesler (Occult Science Performance, etc.), 9.15 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "The Unholy Three."

World Theatre: "The Freshman." Star Theatre: "Big Brother." Principal Mail:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Malwa), 3.30 p.m.; Europe via Siberia (Minn), 10 a.m. Sunday. No. 1 Platoon Rifle Club 3rd meeting, Peak Range, 9 a.m. Macao Race and Recreation Club Athletic Meeting.

S.C.A.A. annual sports meeting, H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley. Vocal and Instrumental Recital, Union Church, Kennedy Road, 5.30 p.m. Social Gathering, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 7 p.m. H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel, and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m. Combined dinner and concert of Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies, Volunteer Headquarters, 8 p.m. Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.

Royal Engineers' and Royal Corps of Signals dance R.E. Theatre Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m. Principal Mail:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Sava Maru), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Aeneas), 5 p.m. Tuesday. Leipzig International Industries Fair film, Queen's Theatre, 10.30 a.m.

Spring Festival at Quarry Bay School, 11 a.m. South China Command Rifle Meeting. Macao Race and Recreation Club Athletic Meeting. H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily). Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m. Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m. Principal Mail:—Inward: Canada, U.S.A., etc. (President Lincoln). Outward: Canada, America, etc., and Europe via Victoria and via Siberia (President Jefferson), 5 p.m.; Europe via Siberia (Shingo Maru), 10.30 a.m.

Wednesday. H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily). Tea dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m. Amateur Boxing Tournament, Victoria Recreation Club, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Special Fancy Dress Dinner Dances, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m. St. Peter's Young Men's Club Social, Cathedral Hall, 8.45 p.m. Principal Mail:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Hector), 10.30 a.m. Thursday. Royal Artillery Athletic Meeting, U.S.R.C. ground, 9 p.m. H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily). Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m. Amateur Boxing Tournament, Victoria Recreation Club, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.55 p.m., stated:—
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TAKE ME UP AND LET ME FLY.

[By LOUISE B. WILSON.]

It is sometimes amusing to re-
turn to well-known places about
which a definite impression still
lingers in the mind and to see the
changes which have taken place.
For example, an old resident of
Shanghai returning after a twelve-
month absence at the present time,
might very well refuse to believe
the evidence of his eyes. Apart
from the curfew law there are other
peculiarities.

Hendon in China.

Chief among these is the trans-
formation to be noted on the Race
Course and on the stretch of Bub-
bling Well Road running parallel
to the track. Formerly nothing
short of a race meeting could
transform the far side of the
Chinese alleyways so excellent a
demonstration of the quiet pla-
ces to be derived from a well-
developed curiosity. Now, hun-
dreds of Chinese, with a good
sprinkling of the foreign curious,
stand about waiting for the won-
ders of the age to reveal them-
selves.

The reason for this is not far to
seek. Six Fairy 3D aeroplanes of
the reconnaissance type built to
carry bombs and machine-guns, roll
each morning between the hours of
9 and 12 from under their shelter-
ing matcheds to the edification of
bystanders and the glory of the
British Fleet Air Arm. They are
part of the Fleet Reconnaissance
Flight formerly stationed at Malta
and attached to H.M.S. Eagle and
now of H.M.S. Argus.

A "Thripenny" Plane.

It is encouraging to simple folk
to realize after a peep inside these
machines, a glance directed at the
pilot's seat and devices for control-
ling the air that the mechanics of
the motor car rule here too, and
awakes a way to a certain feeling of
security. To watch the care-free ease
with which a "thripenny" plane
flies there are affectionately called by
their pilots, glides across the grass
of the Race Course, climbs up 1,400
feet, chases its tail a bit in the blue,
and then, after circling precariously
near to the tower of the China
United Assurance Building oppo-
site effects a billowy landing in
front of the Public Grandstand, is
to feel the awe returning in spite
of one's best intentions. An effec-
tive way to rid oneself forever
of any trace of this awe, according
to the pilots of the Race Course,
is to do a daily set of flights for
a short period. Then one takes on
a manner which quite distinguishes
one from other mere mortals.

The planes on the Race Course,
weighing something over two tons
each, surprise the observer at close
range with their lithe grace in
action. They seem to diminish in
size, also, upon closer inspection,
and in reality, each machine can
occupy a surprisingly small space.
This is because they can fold up
like a butterfly, or even more com-
pactly than a butterfly, and leave
only a long slender caterpillar-like
body to be tucked inside the match-
ed. Each matched on the Race
Course is capable of holding six
machines so folded. On occasion,
also, the matched lends its sym-
pathetic shelter to a plane with a
broken wing or some other ailment,
such as was occasioned during last

week when, at the difficult landing
which the pilots declare the Race
Course, to be, a wing was grazed,
which necessitated the temporary
retirement of the injured plane.

Rigger and Fitter.

"Expert attention is on tap on
such hushed and melancholy occa-
sions. The mechanics, two for each
machine, a rigger and a fitter, em-
erge in practical-looking and
much greasestained gear and do
their work. The rigger and the
fitter are the machine's best friends.
The former, takes charge of all the
riggings of the plane and the latter
of its engines.

Their co-operation with other
members of the crew is complete—
else we betide those who are in the
machine and those who stand
directly under it some thousands
of feet below. The pilot likes to feel
implicit confidence in his mechanics,
but apparently no man can ever be
entirely above suspicion, although
of the most apologetic kind. For
after each mechanical mishap or
when the aeroplane needs and re-
ceives overhauling, it is the rigger
and the fitter who make the first
trip into the blue, thus emulating
the medieval habit of the host who
always started the wine-cup.

Each of the naval planes now
stationed at the Race Course has,
besides the mechanics, a crew of
three—pilot, telegraphist and ob-
server.

The daily flights are made each
morning from 9 to 12 when the
Public Recreation Ground is closed
to the public. This is more to keep
the engines in good order than for
recreation purposes, despite the
Chinese conception to the contrary.
A certain amount of aerial observa-
tion is also believed to be in pro-
gress, as can be judged from the
presence of the naval observer.

These observers have been a part
of the service since 1920, although
naval pilots, as distinguished from
R.A.F.S. pilots, were only in-
augurated in 1924.

Larks And Some Larkers.

The airmen of the Argus are under
the command of Captain Wild-
mann Lushington, of the Royal
Marines who is also a pilot of one
of the machines and who saw service
during the war as a pilot. Other
pilots are Lieut. F. G. Wynne,
R.N., Lieut. F. H. G. Oliphant,
R.N., Lieut. F. H. G. Oliphant,
R.N., Lieut. R. N. and Lieut.
E. O. F. Price R.N. The observers
are Lieut.-Comdr. A. E. Thompson
and Lieut. H. T. Baylis and
E. G. Baker, Lieut. C. Eccles,
R.A.M.C. is attached to the station
for the time being to attend to any
mishaps which may overtake the
fliers, and Lieut. Dean, Deydell
and Walton still remain in the
Argus.

The naval fliers sign up for four
years after having passed a rigid
examination with a long list of
qualifications, and then, should the
lure of this branch of naval service
prove strong, they can later have
another two years in the air. The
age-limit for flying in the navy is
33 so that most of the pilots get an
early start, and an additional
reason is offered for the kind of
temperament which is identified
with all flying-folk, namely, that
they like a bit of a "lark."—North
China Daily News.

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ing the Nanking outrage, we, the
undersigned American citizens and
residents of Nanking who were
present when the outrages against
foreign lives and property were
committed in that city on March
24th, desire to make a public state-
ment. Out of our own first-hand
experience and observation we un-
equivocally affirm that those out-
rages were committed by armed
Nationalist soldiers in uniform,
who acted with the knowledge and
approval of their superior officers.

Those outrages consisted not only
in the looting of foreign homes,
consular offices, schools, hospitals
and places of business, but also
in the burning of foreign homes
and schools; in deliberate murder;
in twice shooting and wounding a
young American woman; in shoot-
ing at and attempting to kill for-
eign men, women and children; in
the attempted rape of American
women; and in other shocking in-
dignities to foreign women too in-
decent to be published. To many
of such things we can bear the
sworn testimony of eye-witnesses;
and numerous other cases have been
proven beyond the least shadow of
doubt.

From the statements of many of
the Nationalist soldiers, made to us,
and from the testimony of Chinese
friends, it is an established fact
that they entered Nanking with de-
finite license, if not actual instig-
ations, to rob and kill foreigners.
From the actions of the troops, it
was evident that their plan was to
loot foreign buildings, force the
inhabitants to disclose the location
of their valuables, strip them of
their clothing and maltreat them
at will.

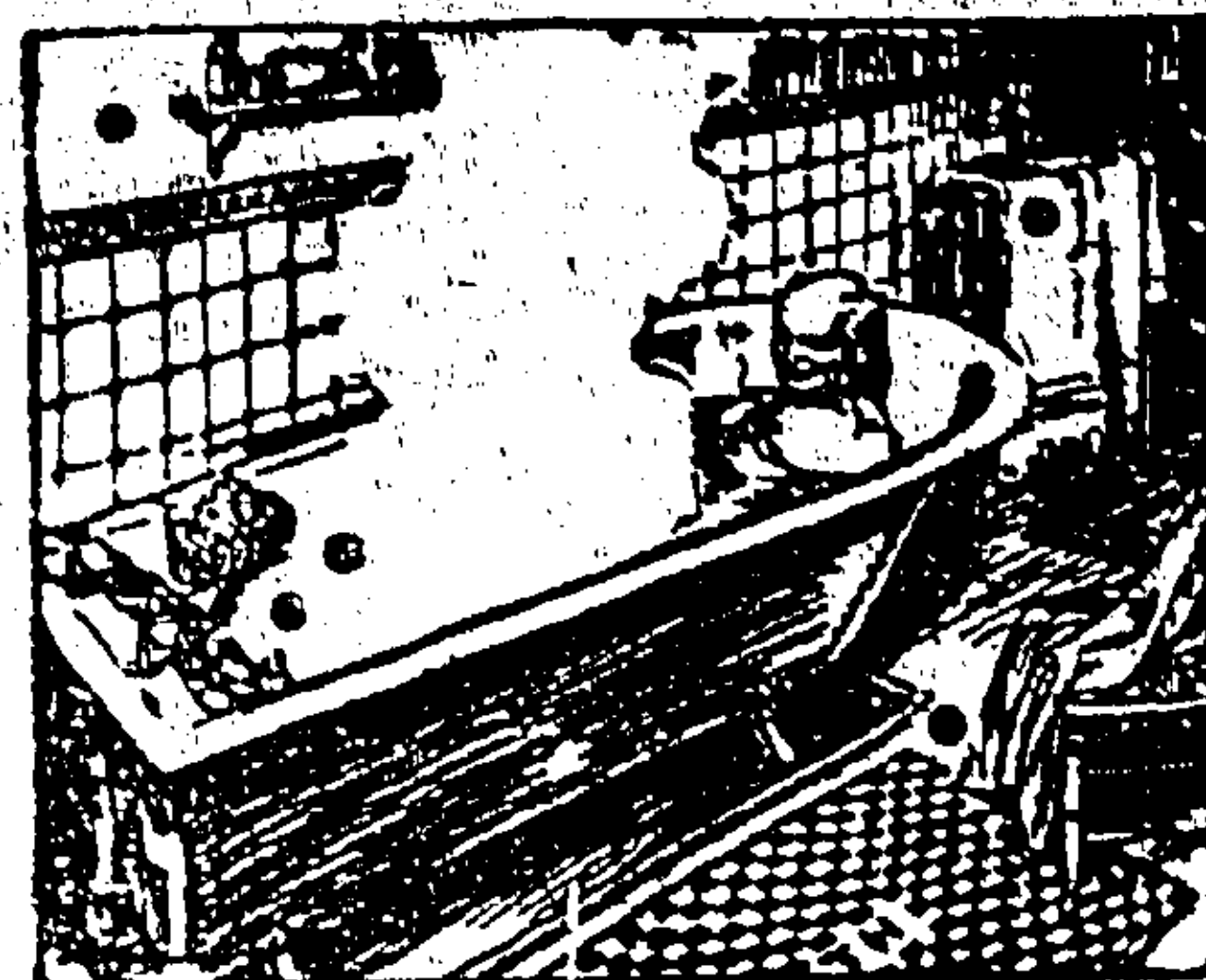
Troops Not Out of Control.

Some of us were told both by these
soldiers themselves, and by the
Chinese friends who helped us to
find places of concealment, that we
should surely be killed. It is our
conviction that the firing from the
naval vessels prevented the murder
of many foreigners who were
caught in the city.

It was immediately after the
shelling was begun by the Ameri-
can and British ships that bugles
were sounded and the soldiers
ceased their systematic work of
destruction, thus demonstrating
that they were under the control
of higher military officers. These
are all incontrovertible facts.

Communist Guilt.

It now seems well established, in
the opinion of both Chinese and
foreigners, that those responsible
(Continued on next column)



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Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2/0 3/4
Credita, at 4 months' sight	2/1 3/16
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/1 5/16
On PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1245
Credita, 4 months' sight	1320
On NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	49
Credita, at 60 days' sight	50 1/2
On BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	135 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	135 1/2
On CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	135 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	135 1/2
On SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
On YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand	107
On MANILA.—	
On demand	98 1/2
On SINGAPORE.—	
On demand	87
On BATAVIA.—	
On demand	121 1/2
On SAIGON.—	
On demand	22
On BANGKOK.—	
On demand	92 1/2
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CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

APRIL 29th, 1927.

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Do, London	\$114 nom.
Chartered Bank	\$20 nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	\$23 nom.
Do, O.	\$18 nom.
P. & O. Bank	\$24 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$63 nom.
Central Insurance	\$60 nom.
China Underwriters	\$80 nom.
North China Ins.	Tls. 148 buy.
Union Insurance	\$239 buy, \$90/252 as
Yantai Insurance	Mer. \$38 nom.
China Fire Insurance	\$205 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$600 buy.
Donghai	\$31 nom.
Shanghai	\$32 buy.
Hong Kong Tug	\$110 nom.
Indo-China (Prt.)	\$30 nom.
Do, (Def.)	\$40 nom.
Shell Transports	\$47 sel.
Star Ferries	\$32 buy.
Waterboats	\$144 buy.
China Sugars	\$194 buy.
Malacca Sugars	\$31 nom.
Benguet	\$170 buy.
Kailash Mining Ad.	\$38 nom.
Langate (combined)	Tls. 21 nom.
Do, (single)	Tls. 24 nom.
Shan. Explorations	Tls. 4 nom.
Shanghai Loan	Tls. 4 nom.
Bank	\$21 nom.
Crown Mines	\$3 nom.
Ural Caspian	\$38 nom.
H.K. & W. Wharfs	\$38 nom.
Hongkong	Tls. 120 nom.
New Engineering	Tls. 64 nom.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 99 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$690 nom.
H.K. Lands	\$53 sel.
Hong Kong Realty	\$6 nom.
H.K. Territorials	\$11 nom.
Humphreys Estates	\$123 nom.
Rimpo's Buildings	\$88 nom.
Rural Lands	\$14 nom.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 7 buy.
Oriental	Tls. 2 nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	Tls. 52 nom.
Do, (new)	Tls. 26 nom.
China Buses	Tls. 94 nom.
H.K. Tramways	\$203 buy.
Peak Tram (old)	\$15 nom.
Do, (new)	\$8 nom.
Singapore Tractions	10/8 buy, 11/- sel.
Taxis	\$1 nom.
Amusements	\$174 buy.
Quanton Ice	\$5 nom.
Cement (combined)	\$7 nom.
Do, (old)	\$3 nom.
Do, (new)	\$1 nom.
China Lights (comb.)	\$12 buy.
Do, (old)	\$3 nom.
Do, (new)	\$3 nom.
China Providents	\$405 buy.
Constructions	\$230 nom.
Dairy Farms	\$15 nom.
Der A Wings	\$8 nom.
H.K. Electric	\$14 buy, 514 as
Macao Electric	\$35 buy.
H.K. Ropes (old)	\$10 nom.
Do, (new)	\$5 nom.
Lane Crawford	\$7 nom.
Mackintoshes	\$194 nom.
Sinocine	\$29 buy.
United Asbestos	\$20 nom.
Waters (old)	\$11 nom.
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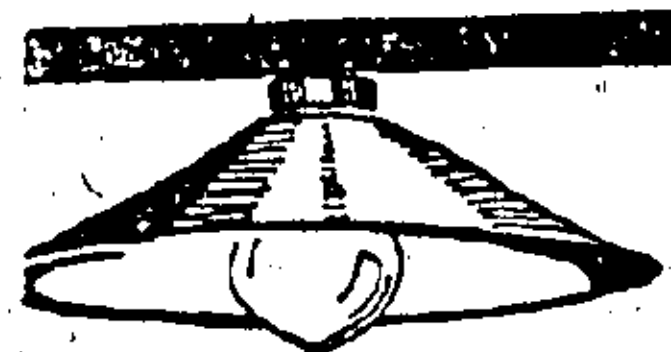
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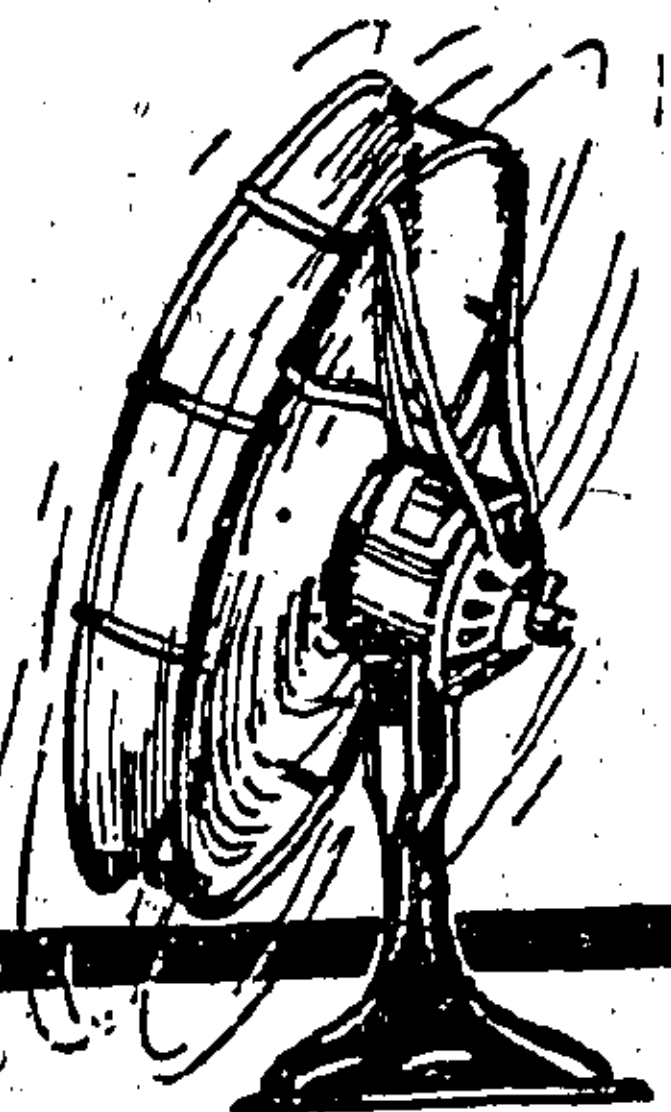
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SMALL ARSENAL DISCOVERED.

ALLEGED MURDERERS' CONFESSION.

NATIONALIST ARMY MAJOR.

A miniature armoury was discovered by Det.-Insp. J. Hunter and a squad of detectives belonging to the Shanghai Municipal Police and the Shanghai and Woosung Constabulary in a Chinese house in Yangka Road, behind the Rokusan Gardens in Paoshan Road, Chapei, last Sunday afternoon. A man who admitted having murdered a loyal worker for the Shanghai General Labour Union, and who is now a major in the Nationalist army, was taken into custody.

Acting on information received, Det.-Insp. Hunter and his men, with the assistance of the Chapei police, raided the house at 233, Hengtung Road, Chapei, and arrested a notorious loafer named Wong Ta Yen, alias Siau Wai-shi (Small Wash). This man was wanted by the police for murdering one Wong Ah Niu in Kwai-chow Road on February 24th, this year.

He later gave information to the police that a large quantity of arms and ammunition could be found in the house at Yangka Road, behind the Japanese garden. The place was accordingly visited and, inside, the police found six Mauser pistols, two .32 calibre automatics, a .25 automatic, and 972 rounds of ammunition. Each of the pistols was fully loaded and there was a cartridge in the breach of each.

With reference to the murder, accused, had told the police that he knew that Wong Ah Niu was a "running dog," and so he reported this to the General Labour Union's president, one Koo Zung Suung (who himself had since been murdered). The latter gave authority to shoot this "running dog." The .32 calibre pistol was the one which accused had used to commit this murder. This and all the other arms and ammunition were the property of the General Labour Union.

Accused admitted that he was now a major in the 7th Regiment, 7th Battalion, of the Nationalist Army, under the command of Woo Chih. His troops were now stationed at Po Dah Wei, a section of Chapei between North Soochuan Road-Extension and Kiangwan.

When the case came before the Provisional Court, Judge Yu ordered a remand.—N.C.D.N.

THE LAW OF BROTHERHOOD.

ADDRESS TO THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

At this week's meeting of the Hong Kong Theosophical Society on Thursday, Mr. H. E. Lanepart, in the course of an address on "The Law of Brotherhood," said that to the Theosophist Human Brotherhood without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour is not an ideal a hope for the future, but a fact in nature, a natural law from which there is no escape. There is nothing in the differences of races to prevent Brotherhood. Some have developed one side of human nature and some another. The Declaration of the Unity of Mankind makes an irresistible appeal to all thoughtful persons; it sounds the note for which the world is listening in the night of half-civilized cruelty. Theosophy serenely sounds the note of Unity and Brotherhood, based on the divinity of man's nature and the equal need for all men to grow and unfold towards the higher life.

SHANGHAI'S WOMAN JUDGE RESIGNS.

It was reported that Miss Soumi Cheng, Chief Judge of the Shanghai District Court, had refused to hand over her seal of office to an appointee of the Chief Justice of the Kiangsu Higher Provincial Court on the ground that he had not been appointed by the proper authorities. Now it is learned that Miss Cheng is resigning because no funds have been forthcoming to enable her to carry on with her work.—N.C. Daily News.

GRIM JESTS OF CHINESE PIRATES.

Commenting on the naval raid on Hsia Bay Mr. G. C. Dixon, writing in the *Daily Mail*, says that that action must have come as an unpleasant shock to a community which has come to regard piracy as one of the staple industries or at worst as a profitable side-line.

The Chinese is nothing if not an opportunist. From the meanest coxswain to the Cantonese millionaire who will fit you out a complete pirate craft on a profit-sharing basis, one and all are willing to take up any enterprise that looks like making money.

Probably three-fourths of the bandits and pirates of China are ex-Servicemen. Pay the Chinese soldier well and give him an umbrella for the more inclement engagements, and he is a loyal though not bigoted supporter of the current War Lord. But when pay is in arrears, as it almost invariably is—for no Chinese general dreams of wasting real money on the rank and file while he has a printing press handy—he first offers himself to the opposition, and if business is slack, pockets arm-bands and takes to the river or the highway.

If he has no alternative but to work he turns an honest penny by helping to capture a few junks and river steamers in the slack time between harvests.

The conditions produced by this attitude of mind and the absence of any effective system of Government have to be seen to be believed. The Chinese, rightly reputed to be a man of peace, is also one of the most efficient and daring desperadoes in the world. Two small craft lying amidst the 20,000-ton liners in Hong Kong Harbour were "cut out" under cover of darkness when I was there not very long ago; and the capture of river vessels had so long been daily incidents that a bored Press reported them in two-line paragraphs. Piracy had degenerated from Romance to something very like a cliché.

Even European vessels were attacked quite frequently. Steamers travelled in convoys, and the *Pai Shan* on which I travelled up the Canton River, was guarded by Sikhs who kept their fingers near the triggers of rifle and machine-gun and divided their attention between the dark inlets where pirates might be lurking in the dusk and the Chinese passengers we carried aft.

This last is an essential precaution. The pirates' favourite trick is to take ship as passengers and then, at a pre-arranged spot, whip out revolvers and knives and rush the bridge.

Their captives are generally freed according to their means. If you seem to be a man of substance you are offered every courtesy until your relatives have had a chance to ransom you. Should they value you inadequately, as not infrequently happens, the usual procedure is to send a personal reminder, it being quite understood that the receipt of a familiar looking ear or nose is Chinese for "Cheque will oblige."

One small boy I heard of, was boiled alive and despatched to his parents. An old woman, having no one to ransom her, was invited to don a straw cloak, saturated with oil, and set on fire.

Some of the pirates have an ironical sense of humour. An employee of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, having been duly ransomed, was freed, ceremoniously escorted to the gate of the stronghold, and there presented by a savage and bowing chieftain with a document whose flowery characters read:

To striking off iron \$8
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In such circumstances it is considered churlish not to pay.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ending April 23rd is as follows:—

Plague.
6 cases at Bassem.
1 case at Bombay.
1 case at Rangoon.
2 cases at Colombo.
Cholera.
1 case at Bombay.
137 cases at Calcutta.
3 cases at Rangoon.
9 cases at Bangkok.
80 cases at Haiphong.
28 cases at Saigon.
Small-pox.
80 cases at Bombay.
101 cases at Calcutta.
6 cases at Madras.
50 cases at Rangoon.
1 case at Vizagapatnam.
2 cases at Bangkok.
2 cases at Macao.
7 cases at Canton.

RUBBER AND MINING SHARES.

RECENT DIVIDENDS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following dividends declared on Rubber and Mining shares:—

Ulu Piah: 5 per cent. int. (to date 5 per cent.).
Kuala Lumpur Tin: 1/- (12th).
Changkat Serdang: 15 per cent. final (to date 35 per cent.).
Ulu Pandan: 15 per cent. int. (to date 15 per cent.).
Batu Lintang: 7½ per cent. int. (to date 7½ per cent.).
Nellamy: 6 per cent. int. (to date 22 per cent.).

INTERIM DIVIDEND.

CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING CO.

The Hong Kong office of the Kailan Mining Administration informs us that the Directors of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., have declared an interim dividend of one shilling per share free of tax, on account of the year ending June 30th, 1927, payable on May 28th, 1927.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, April 29th.	
Paris	194
New York	4.85 11/16
Brussels	24.29
Geneva	25.25
Amsterdam	12.13½
Milan	90½
Berlin	20.29
Stockholm	13.15
Copenhagen	13.21
Oslo	13.80½
Vienna	34.57½
Prague	192½
Helsingfors	192½
Madrid	27.47½
Lisbon	2/17/33
Athens	385
Bucharest	780
Rio	2/27/32
Buenos Aires	47.9/18
Bombay	1/5/57/64
Shanghai	2/64
Hong Kong	2/64
Yokohama	1/11/7/18
Silver (spot)	25½
Silver (forward)	25

CANADA'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.

CELEBRATIONS IN JULY.

The Dominion-wide celebration of Canada's sixtieth year of Confederation, which is being planned for July of this year, will be the most remarkable and extensive ever held. The last links of a united Canada were placed in position forty years ago with the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is in furthering the bond between the peoples of the east and the west that this country will be engaged to a large extent during the celebration.

One of the most spectacular of plans for bringing the people of all parts of Canada together under pleasant auspices and at the same time affording them an opportunity of gaining greater first-hand knowledge of their country through personal contact has been arranged by the New Outlook, official organ of the United Church of Canada.

On June 25th, a "million dollar" special train will leave Toronto with a limited number of passengers from the eastern provinces aboard, and follow the confederation route. The "Confederation Special," as it will be called, will be operated on the all-expense plan which will enable practically all who have the time to travel to do so. It will touch all the principal cities and resorts in the west and operate for twenty-one days. The hospitality of the westerners is well known, so it is not surprising to learn that when the first announcement of the train was made, organizations and individuals in every city included in the itinerary offered to entertain the party and see that it was given every facility for sight seeing and enjoyment. The latest invitation is from the Prince of Wales's Ranch at High River to which the members of the special train party will motor from Calgary on July 1st.—*Canadian Pacific Bulletin.*

TREK OF THE SWANS.

2,000 ON A JOURNEY TO THE NORTH.

MONTREAL. Two thousand swans have arrived at Kingsville, Ontario, in their annual spring trek to the north, and are being afforded ample protection from poachers.

Five thousand geese have also reached the Jack Miner bird sanctuary, where they, too, are finding food and protection. Jack Miner's place is the mecca in these days of hundreds of people who like to see the spring swarms of the birds.

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WOMAN WHO RUNS A LIFEBOAT STATION.

RESPONSIBLE FOR CREW EFFICIENCY.

GREAT RECORD OF A NORFOLK BOAT.

Tribute has been paid to Miss Letitia French, by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, for her remarkable work on their behalf. She is the only woman in the British Isles who actually administers and carries on a lifeboat station.

"Miss Letitia," as she is known in the district by the rugged seafaring men of Palling, in Norfolk, has the responsibility of the station from one year's end to another. She is not merely a financial secretary of a district.

It is her job to see that the crew is efficient and in readiness for every call. She has undertaken this responsibility for 23 years.

Father's Record. Sixty-one years ago, her father Mr. Edward French took over charge of the lifeboat station at Palling. He was an old seadog, with an heroic and honourable record. He had served in the Navy,

and fought in the Crimea with the Black Sea Fleet. Mr. French left the Navy in 1863, and in the same year was appointed chief officer of the Coastguard at Palling. He became at the same time hon. secretary of the Palling lifeboat station. He continued in that position until his death.

Miss Letitia was always deeply devoted to her father, and when he relinquished the helm his daughter determined to carry on. She has now completed nearly a quarter of a century's work.

Medallion of Honour. In the 75 years the Palling lifeboats have been launched 390 times and have rescued 788 lives.

There are few stations anywhere round our coast with a finer record, and of the stations on the Norfolk coast only Caister, with its record of 1,709 lives, has done greater service," said Royal National Lifeboat Institution Official.

Under Miss Letitia's direction the Palling lifeboats have been out on service 109 times and have rescued 209 lives. There is no other woman in the British Isles who can make the same claim.

Miss French has been given special permission to wear the gold medallion presented to her father for his distinguished service.

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"TJILEBOET" SALVAGED.

AFTER - PART SAFELY
DOCKED AT TAIKOO.

DIFFICULT AND STRENUOUS
TASK ACCOMPLISHED.

The salvaging of the Java-China Japan Line's *Tjileboet* has been successfully accomplished, after what has proved to be a most difficult and strenuous piece of work.

The after-part of this vessel is now docked at the Taikoo yard, having been towed in on Thursday evening. Mr. Charles van Ufford, local manager of the Line, remaining on the spot until this had been accomplished. The after-part of the vessel, presented a very dilapidated condition with gear strewn about her decks, and a keel anchor suspended over the port quarter.

Through Thursday night pumping operations were carried out in order to bring the vessel on an even keel, and after further pumping yesterday morning she was eventually brought to rest on the blocks just before noon. The shores were placed and the pumping out of the dock was finished by 2 p.m.

With the cutting of the vessel in two the cargo spaces are revealed and the breakage below the water line is seen to be very ragged. The pounding which the ship underwent before salvage is shown by her torn keel-plates.

First Operation Of The Kind In
Hong Kong.

From enquires our representative learned that this was the first time half a ship had been docked in Hong Kong. There have been many instances of repairs of a somewhat extraordinary character such as when the *Ping Shui* many years ago was lengthened by being separated and an additional compartment interposed.

A decision will be reached shortly as to the rebuilding of the *Tjileboet*, it being necessary for a complete survey to be undertaken before estimates can be made. Meanwhile, the *Tjileboet* will remain at Taikoo Dock.

THE SALVAGING DESCRIBED.

HOW SHE CAME INTO PORT.

The following contributed account describes the salvage operations.

The vessel which stranded on Ling Ting Island on Tuesday, April 25th, was successfully salvaged, towed to Hong Kong and docked at Taikoo Dockyard on Thursday night. Passing through the harbour between 5 and 6 o'clock, she presented an unusual sight, having been cut off some 10 feet forward of the bridge, the forward part still lies on the rocks at Ling Ting Island and is so badly broken up with huge rocks right up through the bottom that there is no possibility of salvaging this portion.

Leaving Ling Ting Island immediately the cutting by oxy-acetylene and blasting was completed, the vessel was got under way about 1.45. With the tug *Wanchun* leading and the *Taikoo* and *Henry Kewick* towing one on either side good progress was made and as stated above successfully completed the journey. The salvage of the *Tjileboet* has been a difficult and strenuous business, continuous recurrence of bad weather repeatedly wrecked the temporary repairs completed by the salvors, and after each storm the condition of the vessel became worse and the difficulty of salvage increased. The storm of Thursday, 21st inst., came near to making a total wreck of the vessel and, at the height of the storm all but the Captain, and a few of the salvage party who refused to leave him had to take to the rocks. When the storm abated it was found that the No. 1 and No. 2 holds as well as the cross bunker were wrecked beyond hope of salvage, and unfortunately the engine room was also holed and flooded. A conference was held with the J.C.J.L. Superintendent, (Continued on next column).

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COST OF A NEW LAUNCH.

THE TYPE OF ENGINE TO BE
USED.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday morning. The Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. W. T. Souther, presided and there were also present Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Sir Sou-son Chow, Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman, Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and Hon. Mr. R. H. Kptewall.

The items of supplementary expenditure, Nos. 29-41, of 1927, included in H.E. the Governor's message No. 4 were considered. The amounts asked for totalled \$168,988 and all were approved with the exception of \$15,000 the increased estimate for the Harbour Department's launch. It was decided that further information regarding this particular item of expenditure should be circulated.

The provision made in the Estimate for a new launch to replace the *Victoria* was \$40,000. This estimate was based on the fitting of twin Atlantic Engines burning kerosene and requiring renewal after 10 years. It is now proposed to fit instead Gardner-Engines of Semi-Diesel type costing \$15,000 more. The Gardner Engine, it was stated, should last the life of the boat (approx. 20 years) and be much more economical. The saving in fuel alone would, it was estimated, be \$15,000 in 8 years.

Hon. Mr. D. G. M. BERNARD: These semi-diesel type engines seem very expensive to put in even though it is stated they will last the life of the boat, approximately 20 years. In a steam launch the engines always outlast the hull.

The CHAIRMAN: They are certainly more expensive to start with but marine engineers think they will be cheaper in the long run.

Hon. Mr. D. G. M. BERNARD: Can they give us further particulars?

Hon. Sir HENRY POLLOCK: It is stated that there will be a saving of \$15,000 in fuel alone during eight years.

The CHAIRMAN: The life of the twin Atlantic engines which were originally proposed is put at 10 years.

Hon. Mr. D. G. M. BERNARD: A steam engine will always outlast the life of a launch. Before approving of this expenditure I think we should have a little more information on the subject.

The CHAIRMAN: I will get further information and have it circulated. If the information is satisfactory to members possibly they will approve the vote by circular.

It was agreed that this should be done.

Mr. Poot, Mr. Morrison, Lloyd's Surveyor and the Manager of the Taikoo Dockyard when it was decided that the only hope was to endeavour to get the engine room repaired and pumped out after which the vessel would have to be suitably ballasted, when the fore part could be cut off, after careful calculations were made by the Taikoo Dockyard as to the trim and stability after cutting away the fore end.

Notable Piece Of Work.

The salvage constitutes a notable piece of work and is the first job of its kind to enter the port of Hong Kong and great credit is reflected on the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Company whose salvage party under Mr. C. W. Brown of Taikoo worked with so much skill and determination. Mr. Morrison, Lloyd's, was early on the job and on behalf of the underwriters, while Mr. Poot, the Company's Superintendent Engineer from Batavia was constantly, after his arrival, on the work and his optimism as well as the fine co-operation of Mr. Morrison were of the greatest value during the operations.

The Captain and Officers of the *Tjileboet* rendered all possible assistance.

SINGAPORE POLICE ATTACKED.

INSPECTOR WOUNDED BY
SAMSENGS.

TWO OF GANG WOUNDED.

SINGAPORE, April 23rd.

A serious attack was made on the police last night near Serangoon Police Station, Inspector King being wounded in the arm by a bullet fired by one of four Teochows who were about to be searched.

It seems that Inspector King was outside the Kandang Kerbau Police Station when his attention was drawn to a motor car containing four persons. He approached the car which was moving and having stopped it proceeded to search for arms. Immediately one of the men drew a revolver and Inspector King attempted to seize it before the man could fire. He was too late, however, and the weapon was fired, a bullet passing through the fleshy part of Mr. King's right arm so that the revolver which he was holding fell from his hand.

The four men jumped out of the car and although chased by Inspector King and a number of police constables would, in all probability, have escaped without injury but for the fact that they encountered a Bengali additional constable employed by the Government Monopolies, who was on guard armed with a shot gun at the Monopolies depot nearby.

Man Brought Down.

As one of the men ran by, he fired and seriously wounded him, but failed to stop him in his flight. Inspector King in spite of his wound was close up at the time and using his revolver brought the man to the ground. He also fired at the other three and succeeded in hitting one of them and wounding him so that he was only able to crawl into a garden nearby.

About this time Mr. R. O'Neil, A.S.P., came on to the scene accompanied by Inspector D. W. Dale, and with a detachment of constables they commenced searching for the man who had crawled into the garden. The place was surrounded to prevent his escape and as he is believed to be severely wounded his capture is thought to be inevitable.

The casualties, excluding Inspector King, are two police constables slightly wounded and the samseng who was captured and taken to hospital.

The four samsengs are known to belong to Singapore. A pistol and thirty rounds of ammunition were found by the police.

A Teochew, Ng Leong Boh, whom it is alleged shot Inspector King was arrested and taken to hospital suffering from gunshot wounds, will be charged with attempted murder. —Straits Times.

ROLLING HOME.

DRUNKEN SAILOR, AND
COOLIES.

A smart capture of two ricksha coolies who were caught in the act of robbing a drunken American sailor was made late on Thursday night by Mr. T. E. Jackson, Assistant Government Marine Surveyor.

Mr. Jackson reported to the Police yesterday that while driving his car in Murray Road near Prince of Wales Gate he saw four coolies bending over the back of a ricksha. The coolies ran away when he approached, but he overtook them and captured two.

He took the coolies and the sailor to the Police Station.

The sailor, who has since been handed over to the American authorities, made no complaint of loss.

FREE VACCINATION.

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The number of Chinese vaccinated—free of charge—by members of the Ambulance Brigade, up to and including Thursday, the 28th inst., is—

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division	23,125
King's College Division	9,637
Railway Division	9,188
Indian Division	8,947
Kowloon Division	25,231
Mongkok Division	12,585
Shankwan Division	5,394
St. Joseph's College Division	1,523
Un Long Division	402
Victoria Nursing Division	162
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RAPPROCHEMENT?

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The process of suppressing the Reds in Canton and throughout Kwangtung goes on in no light handed fashion. There are still many threats and rumours, and a certain amount of minor armed resistance in the country district. No serious challenge has, however, been made to the present regime which claims to have the situation well in hand. The Canton Authorities have just sent about 80 "Reds" to the Reformatory at Nam-shhek, near the Macao Fort, Canton. Most of the prisoners are students and young workers. They will be detained "at the Government's pleasure."

Despite a denial from his relatives, it appears that Mr. Kan Kum Shek, formerly a sub-editor of the *Tai Kwong Pao* of Hong Kong and later advertising manager and publicity agent of Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company, has been arrested at Shanghai while on his way to join his colleague, Mr. Sun Fo. Mr. Kan attempted under M. Borodina's direction to organize a "Red" society among the merchants, but it was not successful and Mr. Kan was dismissed.

One of the buildings of the Sun Yat Sen University in Canton was damaged by fire last Wednesday, and suspicion has fallen on some of the "Red" students who were summarily expelled.

Many complaints are heard in "Red" circles, and army government opponents generally, that while the highly placed associates of the "Prince" and M. Borodina are unharmed, students and factory girls are caught and shot for distributing circulars. Arrests and executions of "Reds" are still taking place in Canton and districts but so far, however, no well-known "Red" leader in Canton has been caught.

The "Reds" are, in fact, by no means passive and are still secretly publishing and circulating their "literature." The said literature takes an apologetic tone and they even deny that there is any attempt to Bolshevize China.

In Northern Kwangtung.

With regard to measures beyond the city the Extraordinary Commission have ordered General Chien Ta Chun, the Canton Garrison Commissioner, to proceed to the Northern Districts of Kwangtung to take action against the threatened "Red" invasion from Hunan. General Chien was to have left Canton for the north yesterday afternoon. A coolie labour corps of 1,600 is being recruited to transport military supplies to Northern Kwangtung Districts, and all pro-Chiang Kai Shek talk of the Shikwan vicinity having returned normal must be accepted with reserve. One of these reports states that a clean sweep of "Reds" is being effected in Northern Kwangtung and that by May 1st the authorities hope to restore normal traffic on the Canton-Hankow Railway. The working of the line has been interrupted since April 15th by "Reds," who have controlled several of the northern sections. It is also said that the *Pennants* Corps in the Northern District of Kwangtung are now under control and have ceased to be of any political or military consequence.

New Ideas?

Who will own all the arms and ammunition recently taken from the "Reds" in Canton and districts is a question being advanced in the *Southern Capital*. In the good old days each commander considered every weapon and every round of ammunition that fell into his hands as his property to use as he liked. Now it is suggested

NANKING AND HANKOW.

"NO FUNDAMENTAL
DIFFERENCES."

DR. KUNG'S VIEWS.

A telegram from Shanghai to the *Canton Gazette*, dated April 28th, says: Dr. H. H. Kung, Nationalist Minister of Industry, who arrived in Shanghai from Canton a few days ago, will proceed to Nanking to consult General Chiang Kai Shek.

Dr. Kung states his belief that there are no fundamental differences between Nanking and Hankow. He believes that the differences now existing can be reconciled.

It is reported, continues the telegram, that a delegate of General Sun Chuan Fang is now at Nanking consulting with General Chiang Kai Shek concerning a possible rapprochement of the two commanders.

Press reports say that envoys from Japan of the Proletariat party and the Social Democratic party are in Shanghai conferring with Kuomintang members regarding closer co-operation of the Left Wing parties of both countries.

It is understood that the Japanese delegates are also conferring in regard to the Far Eastern Labour Conference proposed to be held in Shanghai about the end of next month.

Civil and Military Control.

A *Min Kwei Jih Pao* message from Nanking says that at a Political Conference held on the 23rd inst., Chiang Kai Shek proposed that with the removal of the Government to Nanking, it is necessary to have the military and political affairs under separate administration. He pointed out that upon his expedition from Canton, he, as the Commander-in-Chief, was specially empowered to manage the finance and diplomacy on account of the distance from the Central Government. This was no more applicable now and he recommended that the regulations be modified in this respect. The resolution of the conference was to the effect that regulations be drafted by General Ho Ying Yam.

that there should be a central administration to control the "properties" of the Kuomintang Army, which should, it is argued, be considered to belong to the public.

An order of the General Officer Commanding the Troops in Kwangtung, proclaims that no one but an authorised official may benefit from make arrests or detain any person. This order, issued April 27th, if made effective, means that professional labour leaders and strike pickets may no longer imprison people in a union headquarters or a Kuomintang clubroom.

Sinking Differences To Re-assert Chiang Kai Shek.

The Nanking Government have informed the Canton Press that the "Reds" in Hankow are ready to yield and that General Tang Seng Chi is to co-operate with General Chiang Kai Shek in opposing Marshal Chang Tso Lin, whose forces are now threatening Wushingwan. It is also reported from Nanking sources that the 54th, 55th, and the 56th Regiments at Kiukiang, under General Ching Chien, who have "Red" sympathies, have been disarmed. Nanking is also confident that militarists in Szechuan will support Chiang Kai Shek.

General military authorities deny the rumour that General Tang Seng Chi is invading Kwangtung from Hunan with Canton as his objective.

Race Course For Canton?

A syndicate of enterprising Chinese in Canton, led by Mr. Chao H. Johnson of Andersen, Meyer & Company, has filed applications with the Kuomintang Authorities for permission to utilize the present East Parade Ground for the erection of a race course and recreation ground. The syndicate will have a capital of \$300,000 and agree to give 15 per cent. of the profits of the course to the local authorities. The syndicate will run on the same lines as Macao's new race course company.

The problem of raising \$3,500,000 to disband the 35,000 strikers connected with the anti-British boycott is being partly solved by the offer of the Canton General Chamber of Commerce to help the floating of a loan of \$2,000,000 and the possibility of the Kuomintang Central Bank advancing \$1,000,000. The General Chamber will float the loan on condition that the proceeds will really go towards the relief of the unemployed and that the Kuomintang will offer as security the Customs surtax originally imposed for this purpose but later diverted to war funds.

(Continued on next column.)

GRIM STORY OF JEALOUSY.

WIFE ALLEGED TO HAVE
HIRED ASSASSINS.MEN CHARGED WITH MURDER-
ING A CONCUBINE.

A wife's jealousy of her husband's concubine is alleged to have caused her to hire two men to dispose of the woman. These two men were charged yesterday at Kowloon Magistracy with wilfully killing the concubine.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith appeared for the Crown. The prisoners were not represented.

The murder was committed at Chuk Un village near the She Tin Gap on April 8th.

Mr. Whyte-Smith said that three years ago the husband, who is a dayman, lived with his *kit fat* wife and a concubine at Yeung Tsai Po, Kowloon City, one mile from Chuk Un. He had a vegetable garden at Yeung Tsai Po but carried on business at Chuk Un. Domestic trouble crept into the man's affairs since the *kit fat* wife, and the concubine were unable to agree, and a separation was therefore arranged. He erected a match at Chuk Un where the concubine and her daughter had lived ever since their differences, while the *kit fat* wife remained at Yeung Tsai Po.

The man spent most of his time with the concubine, and the *kit fat* wife had at her house her nephew, who was the first defendant.

Referring to events that occurred on April 8th at the dairy, Mr. Whyte-Smith said that at about 11.30 p.m. two coolies heard the concubine's little girl shouting. On investigating they found the woman lying on the floor with a number of cuts on her body. She succumbed to her injuries the following day, and according to the *post mortem* examination death was due to shock caused by the multiple injuries.

The theory of the Crown was that the two defendants were employed by the *kit fat* wife to commit the murder, the motive being jealousy. The Crown's theory was borne out, continued Mr. Whyte-Smith, by the subsequent disappearance of the *kit fat* wife.

Formal evidence was taken, and the case was adjourned.

"MAN'S LIFE LIKE MORNING
DEW."FATHER'S WISH THAT SONS
LIVE IN HARMONY.

"Man's life is like the morning dew and it is necessary for me to lay down an efficient plan for the future." These are the opening phrases in the will of Yeung Shin Hing, alias Yeung Yun Wa, alias Yeung Tsun Hang, late of No. 8, Kwong Tak Lane, Nam Kwan, Canton, who died at Canton on August 31st, 1928.

Deceased left net personality in Hong Kong to the value of \$74,000, and also estate in Canton, Bequests in the will are of a family nature.

Letters of administration with the will annexed have been granted to two concubines, Yeung Kik Shi and Yeung Chu Shi, who are temporarily residing at No. 147, Connaught Road Central.

In conclusion, the will reads:—"In the future all my sons should appreciate my idea, and the difficulties with which their forefathers have built the estate. They should be diligent and frugal, and remember that harmony will yield blessing to them. Under no circumstances should the brothers have one another or create disputes, so as to prevent the foundation of the family from destruction. All this is my earnest hope."

"HOSPITAL COMFORTS."

The Committee begs to acknowledge, with very many thanks, contributions as below:—

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1 Set "Ping Pong" from the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern.

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IN HOLLYWOOD
ROAD.INDIAN BROKER AND
SPURIOUS NOTE."IRON BUI" GIVES
EVIDENCE.WOMEN'S STORY OF
VICTIMISATION.

"I have no Indian visitors to my house except Indian tradesmen," said Madeline Brett, mistress of a house in Hollywood Road, when she appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, to give evidence against an Indian, who described himself as a broker. Another inmate of the house, Ethel Madge Morrison, when asked, indignantly replied that she had no Indian friends.

The case was one in which Asraf Ali was alleged to have been to the house with Iron Bui, the well-known pugilist, on the night of March 28th and tendered a forged \$500 note in payment for drinks. Defendant was represented by Mr. F. H. Loseby, and pleaded "not guilty." Sergt. A. V. Baker, prosecuted.

Evidence was taken from the house boy, who said that he recognised the defendant, although he had never seen him before the night in question. He came to the house with another man who looked like a Filipino. They stayed about ten minutes talking to two of the girls in the house. Defendant had a whisky and soda and his friend had a beer. Defendant then asked witness to change a \$500 note. The note was taken to the "missie" who was in the dining room. She counted out the change to witness who took it back to defendant in the drawing room. The change consisted of four \$100 notes, nine \$10 notes and one \$5 note. Defendant swept up the money, shoved it into his pocket hurriedly and left. This struck one of the girls, named Morrison, as rather careless and she told defendant to be careful with his money.

Cross-examined by Mr. Loseby, witness admitted that the place was a house of ill fame.

Mr. Loseby: Do you get many customers there?—Yes.

Mr. Loseby: Quite a common thing for notes to be passed in the house?—Yes.

Mr. Loseby: Who was in the room when the change was given to the defendant?—Missie Lily and Ethel Morrison.

"Instant Or Something."

Madeline Brett, mistress of the house, said that she had never seen defendant before the night of March 28th. She was in the dining room when her boy brought her some money to change. The note given to her was a \$500 note. She thought it was a genuine one and went to her safe to get the change. She gave the money to the boy and asked him if the note was right. The boy replied "yes." "I think I gave the boy three or four \$100 notes and the rest in ten," said witness. She went back to the dining room. "Well instinct" or something said to me that I should go back and see whom the money was given to. Why, when I got to the drawing room, I saw the defendant and another man there. I then asked the boy to whom the money belonged and he told me to which man the change had been handed.

Continuing, she said "I was startled to see men who looked like Indians in my house, as all my visitors are white men." She turned round to the boy and asked him why he had admitted the defendant and the other man and was told that the defendant had asked for the "house missie."

In answer to the Court, witness said that her practice was to bank her earnings once a month. She could not remember ever having paid in \$100 notes before. The

alleged forged note was kept in her safe until April 19th, and there were no other notes of the same denomination in her safe. When she found out that the note was a forgery, she at once went to the C.I.D.

Defendant Traced Through Iron Bui.

Asked as to how she was able to trace the defendant, witness said that when she saw the two men in her drawing room, she asked defendant who was going to inherit all this money, and the defendant introduced her to Iron Bui. She said to Iron Bui that she had heard and read a lot about him in the newspapers, but had never met him in person. Defendant was then standing at the doorway and was ready to depart. It was through Iron Bui that the Police was able to locate the defendant.

Mr. Loseby: How much did you bank last time?—Do you think it is necessary for me to answer the question?

Mr. Loseby: You just said that it was unusual to have Indian customers in your house?—Yes.

Mr. Loseby: Then no one in your house receives Indians?—Not to my knowledge.

Mr. Loseby: Never had an Indian in your house before?—Only tradesmen.

Ethel Madge Morrison gave corroborative evidence, but added that she saw and heard the boy count the change to the defendant, who at once swept up the money and put it into his outside pocket. That drew the remark from her as to how careless he was with his money. The defendant then transferred the money from the outside pocket to an inner one.

Cross-examined by Mr. Loseby as to whether she had any Indian friends, witness indignantly replied that she had not. She also stated that she had been in Hollywood Road only 15 months.

"Ice Box."

Another inmate of the house, Lily Grisoni, gave her evidence in French and bore out all that the last witness had said. She said as far as she could remember defendant was not wearing spectacles at the time when he entered the house. She also said that she heard defendant introducing his friend as "Ice Box."

Mr. Loseby: Have you ever seen a \$500 note before?—No, but \$100 notes many times.

His Worship: Have you, Mr. Loseby?—Several times, your Worship. (Laughter.)

His Worship: Well, I never had.

"Don't Call Me Lordship."

A. M. Bui, popularly known as Iron Bui, was called to the witness-box and repeatedly addressed the Magistrate as "Your Lordship." He was told by Mr. Lindsell that he should address a Magistrate as "Your Worship."

Bui told a very incoherent story. He said that he had known the defendant ever since his childhood, but he did not know defendant's proper name. "Everyone calls him Ali, and there are so many Ali's in Hong Kong," he said. Asked by the Magistrate he said he had returned to the Colony just three months ago. He met defendant on the day in question at Pedder Street. It was then about 5 p.m. They had tea and parted company a short time after. They met again at 8.30 with the intention of going to the "pictures." Defendant, however, changed his mind. They then strolled about the town for 2 1/2 hours, when defendant suggested that they should go "top-side" for a drink. They walked up to No. 52, Hollywood Road. There he had a beer and the defendant took a whisky and soda. He saw defendant taking out a note to pay for the drinks, and he also saw the boy bringing the change back. There could not have been less than 8 or 9 notes on the tray. When Sergeant Baker located him, he took the sergeant to defendant's house. He knew the house was in Aberdeen Street, but he did not know the number.

At this stage, the case was adjourned till next Tuesday at 11.30 a.m.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1911,
AND
IN THE MATTER OF TROLLOPE & COLLS (FAR EAST), LTD.
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of Section 181 of the Companies Ordinance, 1911, A MEETING OF CREDITORS will be held at the Office of the Liquidator, Messrs. Lewis, Bingham & Matthews, Chartered Bank Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 28th day of MAY, 1927, at 12 Noon, for the purpose provided for in the said Section.

Dated this 28th day of April, 1927.

JOHN FLEMING,
Liquidator.
[4260]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1911-1925,
AND
IN THE MATTER OF TROLLOPE & COLLS (FAR EAST), LTD.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION
Passed 14th April, 1927—Continued
28th April, 1927.

A T AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF TROLLOPE & COLLS (FAR EAST), LIMITED, duly convened and held at the Registered Office of the Company, Prince's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, at 11.00 on THURSDAY, the 14th day of APRIL, 1927, the Subjoined Extraordinary Resolutions were duly passed and at a subsequent EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company also duly convened and held at the same place at 3.00 on THURSDAY, the 28th day of APRIL, 1927, the Subjoined Extraordinary Resolutions were duly confirmed as Special Resolutions, namely:—

"That in accordance with a letter of instructions from the Shareholders dated February 11th, 1927, the Company be voluntarily wound up forthwith."

"That JOHN FLEMING, Chartered Accountant of Messrs. Lewis, Bingham & Matthews, Victoria, Hong Kong, be appointed Liquidator."

H. RICHARDSON,
Chairman.
[4370]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES AND UNDERWRITERS.

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NOTICE.

HONG KONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. D. O. RUSSELL has been Appointed CHAIRMAN of Local Committee and also JOINT ATTORNEY with Mr. FRANK GOODWIN, Acting Manager for this Company during the absence on leave of Mr. W. L. PATTERSON.

By Order of the Directors,
L. J. BLACKBURN,
Engineer and Manager.
[4843]

NOTICE.

HONG KONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

OWING to Unavoidable Circumstances my Home Leave has been Postponed for Two Months or so, but Mr. FRANK GOODWIN'S Power of Attorney will be Effective from the Date of my Departure.

L. J. BLACKBURN,
Engineer and Manager.
[4343]

HONG KONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

CLUBS in Membership are Reminded that all Suggested Additions, Alterations or Amendments to Rules of the above League must be Sent in to the Undersecretary Not Later Than MAY 1st in accordance with League Rule 26.

W. E. HOLLANDS,
Hon. Secretary.
[4331]

INTIMATIONS.

CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 1927 ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. SHAW, TONG & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 7th day of MAY, 1927, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1926, and of electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 29th APRIL, 1927, to 7th MAY, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the General Managers,
H. R. STUBBS,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 28th April, 1927. [4347]

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on TUESDAY, the 17th MAY, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended the 31st December, 1926. The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th MAY, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
General Agents.
Hong Kong, 28th April, 1927. [4340]

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MARRIAGES.

CLAXTON-MACGREGOR.—On April 22nd, at Victoria, B.C., Cecil, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED CLAXTON, of London, to HELEN, younger daughter of Mrs. A. MACGREGOR, and the late Mr. R. MACGREGOR, of Shanghai.

CLAY-SHERIDAN.—On April 23rd, at Shanghai, WILLIAM SAMUEL CLAY, of Shanghai, to FRANCES GERTRUDE SHERIDAN, of Shanghai.

FERGUSON-DRUMMOND.—On April 23rd, at Shanghai, WINIFRED MARY, daughter of the late Mr. JAMES FERGUSON, to WILLIAM JOHN DRUMMOND, eldest son of the late JAMES DRUMMOND, Capt. Superintendent, N.Y.K., Tokyo, Japan.

DEATH.

VAN REETH.—On April 24th, at Shanghai, FRANZ VAN REETH, aged 40 years.

Hong Kong Office: 1A, Chater Rd. London Office: 21, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, E.C. 4.

One Chinese case of enteric was reported on Thursday.

The Craigengower Cricket Club will hold their monthly dance at the Club premises to-night at 9.15 p.m.

A burglar entered No. 1, Ying Fai Terrace on Thursday and stole a dinner set and ten lamp shades worth \$130.

A Chinese died suddenly in a chair in Queen's Road Central, on Thursday afternoon. He was on his way to the Tung Wah Hospital.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay, the retiring Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, and Mrs. Lindsay leave to-day for Home on the *Malwa*.

Mrs. Slater, of 110, Humphrey Buildings, Kowloon, reports that on the 25th instant somebody stole jewellery from her bedroom valued at \$23.

A Chinese woman has been sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital, Kowloon, suffering from injuries caused by a motor bus knocking her down in Nathan Road on Thursday.

A thief escaped with a leather purse containing money and jewellery worth \$40, which he snatched from a Chinese woman in Peel Street, on Thursday afternoon.

The Leipzig International Industries Fair film, showing various modern methods of manufacturing machinery, is being shown at the Queen's Theatre next Tuesday at 10.45 a.m.

protest against the Twenty One Demands, and have gradually extended throughout the length and breadth of the land, manifesting themselves on every conceivable occasion until the authorities have become embarrassed by the excess of zeal and violence shown. The advantage possessed by these school boys over the ordinary mob is that they are organised and therefore can act in concert. It is a phenomenon which has no counterpart in any other land, and is obviously detrimental to the interests of the students. Such being the situation in China, it is no wonder that merchants should look askance at educational institutions. A system, however, must not be condemned because it is being abused.

The Chinese have always had a great regard for learning; and will not remain satisfied with the continuance of present conditions. Higher study at present in China is in abeyance. Kwangtung spent last year a little more than one million dollars on education and this for a population of ninety millions. During the same period she spent seventy-two millions on military operations. These figures represent, at present, the respective values put upon the two services but it is impossible to believe that a nation which in former years put the scholar first, and the soldier last in the scale of merit, will suffer much longer such an inversion of its principles.

When the change comes and when discipline is restored, the Chinese could do no better than study the constitution of the University of Hong Kong, and support it in its effort to contribute to China's stream of graduates, springing from a source which is untainted with politics and passion. The University's welfare is to a certain extent dependent on the course of affairs in China. It will flourish best when calm and peace prevail in the interior. At the same time, it has a claim on the Imperial Government, for it is striving to keep bright the lamp of learning. It is performing a useful function in maintaining the ideals of Western education which, if rightly understood, will help to establish an intellectual enterprise between the Chinese and the British. It is in the highest degree unfortunate that the Boxer indemnity Committee did not realise the service the University, in spite of its meagre resources, is rendering to the Chinese people, and still more that it did not vote at once a reasonable sum for extending the scope of the work and establishing on a firm basis an institution, which might become a model for the Far East, as well as a dignified and fitting representative of Britain in its most worthy aspect.

Local artistes gave another very enjoyable concert at the Cheer O Y.M.C.A. last evening, quite large number of Service men being present.

It is notified, that, on and after to-morrow, there will be a constant supply of water turned on in all Rider Main Districts until further notice.

The P.W.D. informs us that the North Point and Kennedy Town bathing beaches will be open on May 1st, and Taiwan Bay beach on May 7th.

The 30th ordinary annual meeting of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., is to be held, at St. George's Building on Saturday, May 14th, at noon.

As the result of a fall in Des Voeux Road West, on Thursday while under the influence of liquor a Chinese suffered injuries to his head and had to be taken to hospital.

A Chinese merchant living at No. 8, Possession Street, has reported that the treasurer of Connaught Road West rice shop absconded on Wednesday with \$11,000 belonging to the firm.

Among those arriving yesterday morning by the *Empress of Asia* were Dr. J. K. Milward, Mr. W. H. Peters, Mr. J. Bourne, P. J. Newman and the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Cadman.

A fancy dress carnival dance is to be held at the Café Restaurant Parisien on Wednesday next, and at this function prizes for ladies, which are on view at Madame Flin's "Au Chic Parisien," will be presented.

The master of an unlicensed fishing boat was on Thursday taken to the hospital suffering from an injured right hand caused by a gun powder explosion on board his boat near Saikung. It is believed the man was using dynamite to take fish when the accident occurred.

The Chinese arrested for the larceny of clothing from the Diocesan Boys' School, was yesterday morning sentenced by Mr. W. Schofield to six months' hard labour on a charge of returning from banishment and a further two months for receiving stolen property.

Yesterday afternoon Major C. Willson sat as Coroner with a jury to enquire into the death of a Chinese, aged about 38, who was knocked down and killed by a motor car at Praya East on April 14th. After evidence had been taken, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death but asked that the driver in question should be severely cautioned.

At a meeting of the General Committee held subsequent to the annual meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Barnard was unanimously re-elected chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. T. G. Wall was elected vice-chairman.

The Hong Kong Benevolent Society held a most successful jumble sale in aid of their funds at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. The tables were loaded with useful and attractive articles all of which were quickly disposed of, the time taken being less than an hour from the opening of the sale.

Mr. L. J. Blackburn (engineer and manager of the Hong Kong and China Gas Co., Ltd.) is not going Home for two months or so, his leaving having been delayed by unavoidable circumstances. Mr. Frank Goodwin's power of attorney will, therefore, be effective from the date of Mr. Blackburn's departure.

Engineer-Comdr. F. W. Bromley, D.S.O., R.N., leaves the Colony to-day on the *Malwa*, having completed his term of service with the China Squadron. Comdr. Bromley was the popular host of H.M.S. *Tamar*, and a presentation was made to him yesterday in recognition of his hospitality in that capacity.

There was a large gathering of members and visitors at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Café last night for the first fancy dress and carnival of the Hong Kong Dance Club. There were some very attractive costumes seen, prizes being awarded. The usual dance carnival novelties were in evidence, and a thoroughly enjoyable time was spent. The "Cameo" Dance Band, the second dance orchestra of H.M.S. *Hermes*, was in attendance, and proved very popular. In fact this band will become one of the favourites next dance season. At present it is doing a lot of work at entertainments for Service men. To stimulate interest the organisers invited non-members to attend to see how the Club is carried on and many availed themselves of the opportunity.

An accident befell a motor-cycle combination in Kowloon yesterday morning, at the junction of Nathan and Salisbury Roads. It appears that the owner, a Chinese, was taking three girls to school, and in rounding the corner, the side-car ran into a tree on the side of the road. The passengers and driver were thrown on to the road, and the machine was slightly damaged. No serious injuries were sustained.

There will be a vocal and instrumental service at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, to-morrow evening, beginning at 5.30. Dr. Macandilias will sing "The Publican," by B. Van de Water, and "Ninety and Nine," by E. Campion. Organ solos will be played by Mr. G. E. Longyear. There is to be a Foulkes offertory, and a Foulkes service at 8 p.m. The preacher, at both morning and evening service to-morrow will be the Pastor (the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie).

As mentioned yesterday, it has been decided by the Portuguese Company of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps to form a Rifle Club, and also to promote other sports and recreations. The following members have been appointed as the Committee to make arrangements: Messrs. M. F. Baptista, P. M. Xavier, A. B. Barros, A. J. V. Ribeiro, F. A. M. Rosario, H. J. Silva, A. A. Remedios and A. M. E. Rocha. Second-Lieutenant S. Jarvis, the Officer Commanding the Portuguese Company, has been appointed as an *ex-officio* member of the Committee, and will also act as Hon. Treasurer. Mr. F. A. M. Baptista will carry out the secretarial duties.

CARELESS TRADERS LOSE \$115.

YOUTHS' SIMPLE TRICK.

Two youths who practised a simple but successful fraud on careless shopkeepers in Chinwan obtained \$115. They have not yet been arrested.

The master of the Chun Yik Grocery said that two youths resembling Portuguese bought at his shop several packets of cigarettes for which they offered a \$50 note. He gave them five \$8 and two \$10 notes, and \$2.05 in silver.

One of the youths picked up the notes, then returned them to the shopkeeper asking for his change in \$10. This was given to him. When the youths had gone the shopkeeper counted the money and found it \$25 short.

The other shopkeeper—also a grocer—reported that the two youths bought three tins of condensed milk and three towels. They proffered a \$100 note, and received in change one \$50, two \$10 and four \$5 notes. The trick of returning the notes with a request for change in \$10 notes was repeated, and as before the shopkeeper complied. He counted out nine \$10 notes, which one of the youths accepted and then put them down again, saying that he had, after all, some small change to pay for the goods. The shopkeeper returned the \$100 note, and the youths then paid for their purchase with small change. When they had gone he counted the money and he was \$90 short.

SAILOR DROWNED IN HARBOUR.

THEORY OF SUICIDE.

A tragic case was brought to light yesterday morning when the body of Petty Officer Thomas Bassett was recovered from the harbour.

After a blood stained razor had been found on board H.M.S. *Sterling* in the small hours of the morning, the alarm was given and the body was soon afterwards recovered from the harbour. The Naval authorities have reported Bassett's death by drowning, and an enquiry will be held to ascertain the exact manner in which he died.

P.O. Bassett, who was popular and of a very quiet temperament, was a native of Paignton, Devon. He leaves a wife.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon.

MODERN "BLACK MAGIC."

PROF. FISLER PERFORMS TO AN AMAZED AUDIENCE.

Professor Harry Fislér's performance of magic and mysticism delighted quite a large audience at the Lee Theatre last night. His programme was varied and very attractive, particularly his hypnotism, in which he was assisted by several members of

IS RUSSIA ARMING AGAINST MANCHURIA?

CHANG TSO LIN REPORTED CLOSING SOVIET CONSULATES.

SUSPICIOUS INDICATIONS ON HIS FRONTIER.

CHIANG KAI SHEK ENGAGES WITH HANKOW AND ANHUI TROOPS.

JAPANESE MARINES WITHDRAW AT HANKOW.

Evidently Chang Tso Lin is apprehensive of Soviet designs on the Manchuria frontier and, as a precautionary measure, he is believed to be considering the advisability of closing the Soviet Consulates in Manchuria. Meanwhile the Consuls are taking time by the forelock and are removing "certain effects" to Moscow.

There are stated to be persistent rumours of unusual Russian military activity on the frontier, and foreign observers have been despatched to verify the reports.

The Russians are reported to be providing Feng Yu Hsiang's troops with large quantities of munitions in his struggle in Honan with the Fengtien troops.

Chiang Kai Shek's troops have been engaged with those of Hankow and Anhui. The Hankow troops on retreating towards Kiukiang looted American Missions en route.

The Japanese marines have been withdrawn from the Japanese Concession in Hankow and it is stated that the Japanese there have resumed business.

THE SOVIET CONSULATES OF MANCHURIA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, April 29th.

A telegram from Mukden, dated April 27th, states that Government circles assert that Chang Tso Lin is considering the closing of Soviet Consulates in Manchuria in anticipation of which action the Consuls have despatched certain effects to Moscow.

There are persistent reports of unusual Russian military activity on the frontier, a body of Mongolian cavalry being reported to have penetrated Inner Mongolia. Foreign observers have been despatching to verify the report.

Frontier Defences.

PEKING, April 29th.

General Tsang Shih Ku has gone to Harbin to arrange for frontier defence with the military commissioner there.

(Wai Tse Yat Pao).

Russians To Register.

SHANGHAI, April 29th.

The Russian Consulate in Tientsin is notifying all Russians in North China to the effect that they must register their names with the Consulate before leaving China.

"Reds" And "Anti-Reds" Fighting.

PEKING, April 29th.

Reports of fighting between Chiang Kai Shek's troops and those of Hankow and Anhui are confirmed though they have been apparently not on a large scale. The Hankow troops on retreating towards Kiukiang, looted American Missions en route.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

Lull In The Fighting.

NANKING, April 29th.

Fighting between the north and the south is continuing, but it is very desultory. Yesterday only four rounds were fired by the field guns at Lion Hill, and none from the Pakow guns.

This afternoon one gun at Pakow and one in the vicinity of Puchen began shelling Hsienkwan and Lion Hill, and the Lion Hill guns replied with about twenty rounds, which were aimed in the general direction of the Pakow Railway Station. No further gunfire has taken place, and it is curious that throughout the day a white flag has been flying from Lion Hill.

Many soldiers are now billeted in huts along the beach at Jentounat Reach. There is also a very big troop concentration round Kikiyuan.

The Nationalists, who had apparently been planning to cross the river and had sheltered a large number of troops behind Duke Island in junk and sampans, were subjected to considerable shell fire in this region.

SOVIET ESPIONAGE IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, April 29th.

An elaborate system of espionage, so complete that even the seating plans of the Legation dinner parties at Peking were neatly filed for future reference, was among the piquant revelations made at Chang Tso Lin's headquarters this morning when foreign correspondents were enabled to inspect some of the documents seized in the Soviet Embassy raid on April 8th.

One of the most interesting documents related to a resolution passed by the International at Moscow in January dealing with the Bolshevization of China, with particular regard to the organization of the peasantry, as to whom it urges that the Chinese Communists use all the peasant organizations, such as "the Red Spears of Honan," and establish their influence over the peasantry.

A programme for an agrarian revolution in the Nationalist Government's territory is outlined.

After urging the Chinese Communists to remain in the Kuomintang, the document urges that the Communists must strive to have the Kuomintang develop into a real peoples' party.

Munitions For The Kuomintang.

Other documents included draft telegrams from the Soviet military attaché at Peking to General Gallen and to Borodin, which it is considered prove conclusively that the military attaché's office was used as an agency for supplying munitions to Canton; also a list of munitions delivered to the first Kuomintang, which included flame-throwers, chemical shells, and gas masks, and receipts from Feng Yu Hsiang in respect of cash payments to him totalling more than ten million roubles.

One exhibit was a code with the equivalents for "revolvers," "explosive materials," and phrases like "it is necessary to blow up." It is expected this code will be useful in deciphering documents and telegrams seized in the military attaché's office.

"Reds" Secretly Tried In Peking.

According to a semi-official statement issued this evening, a special court has held secret meetings during the last three days.

It was announced that the court was meeting to discuss the procedure at the coming trial, but in reality, it formally tried Communists and condemned them to death.

The number executed is now given as 20, including one woman.

Soviet Embassy Staff Reach Moscow.

Moscow, April 28th.

Mr. Chernykh, the Soviet Charge d'Affaires at Peking, and other members of the Soviet Embassy, have arrived here.

Li Ta Chao And Seventeen Others Executed Summarily.

PEKING, April 28th.

(Delayed by Censor.)

The well-known Communist, Li Ta Chao, and 17 others, who were arrested in the Soviet Embassy raid, were executed this afternoon.

The police appear to have decided that the evidence discovered completely proved their guilt and the Court, having somewhat informally investigated the case, ordered summary execution. The prisoners were strangled at the police headquarters.

SHANGHAI, April 29th.

The others arrested at the Embassy are still under close guard pending trial.

Russian officials have requested the Waichinapu to state when the Russians arrested will be tried.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

British Air Units.

Rugby, April 28th.

The Secretary for Air, replying to a Parliamentary question, stated that the strength of air units in or on the way to China was equivalent to five squadrons of aeroplanes with a personnel of 700 of all ranks.

(Continued on next column.)

NOT IN FAVOUR OF A GENERAL STRIKE.

THE T.U.C. OPPOSES TRADE UNIONS' BILL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 29th.

The Trade Union Council Conference, which is similar to the one which decided upon a general strike just a year ago, considered a resolution condemning the Trade Unions' Bill and pledging the Conference to continue the campaign against it to the utmost.

The Conference, by a large majority, refused to allow the moving of an amendment instructing the General Council to make all possible preparation to use it as an industrial weapon, by means of a general strike if necessary, and passed the resolution.

TRAGIC INCIDENT.

COLONEL NEILSON FATALLY INJURED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 29th.

Colonel Walter Gordon Neilson, Chief of the General Staff of the Aldershot Command, has died as the result of injuries, consequent upon his horse stumbling and falling on him.

[Colonel Neilson was born in 1876, entered the Army in 1897, and served with distinction in the South African and European Wars.]

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

Supposed Cause Of The "Split."

SHANGHAI, April 29th.

The Shanghai Chinese newspapers are now saying that the Kuomintang split, between General Chiang Kai Shek and the Hankow clique, is due not so much to General Chiang's opposition to the Soviet Government, but to his personal animosity against Comrade Borodin.

There is no change in the Shanghai situation, but it is reported that two aero-lugs have been sent from the Hung Jao Aerodrome to Nanking by rail.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The "Offer" To Japan.

LONDON, April 28th.

In the House of Commons, Sir Frederick Hall asked for information as to the offer Mr. Eugene Chen made to Japan agreeing not to interfere with the Japanese Concession at Hankow, and undertaking to suppress all anti-Japanese agitation in China, and whether steps would be taken to secure similar protection for British interests.

Mr. O. Locker Lampson replied that he had no knowledge of any such offer.

Sir Frederick Hall said he would bring the information.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Powers Still Discussing Nanking.

LONDON, April 28th.

There was a special meeting of the Cabinet in the Premier's room of the House of Commons yesterday evening, which heard a report by Sir Austen Chamberlain on the situation in China, particularly from the diplomatic viewpoint.

The Powers' reply to Mr. Chen's Note on the matter of the Nanking outrages is still under discussion between the Powers concerned.

Y.M.C.A. And Shanghai.

LONDON, April 28th.

The Council of the Y.M.C.A. in London has received an anonymous cheque "to provide a corner of home for our men in the British hospital" at Shanghai.

A special fund on behalf of which Sir Arthur Yapp has appealed, to cover the work of the Association in Shanghai, is now nearly £7,000. The London Stock Exchange has given £1,015.

Belgian Interests In China.

BRUSSELS, April 28th.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber has unanimously approved all the measures taken by the Belgian Government in China.

Mr. Van der Velde made a statement declaring that the policy agreed upon by the Government was in accordance with the suggestions of the Minister at Peking, representative of the major Belgian interests in China, especially with a view to safeguarding the persons and property of Belgian nationals.

THE DANGER TO NEW ORLEANS.

19,000 REFUGEES STREAM INTO THE CITY.

THE DYNAMITING.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New Orleans, April 28th.

Mr. Hoover is conferring with the authorities with a view to the completion of arrangements for dynamiting the Mississippi levee at Poydras, twelve miles below New Orleans, as the only means to avert inundation of the city.

Ten thousand refugees have been streaming in all night long from the marshes of St. Bernard and Plaquemine parish, over which the yellow flood waters will roar tomorrow through the breach to be blasted in the levee. Temporary camps are being erected for such as have not found shelter in the commodious army base quarters.

New Orleans at present lies ten feet below the volume of water fiercely battering at the levees, on which hundreds of workmen are unceasingly stacking sandbags in order to heighten them. The water is already steadily trickling through along the river front.

Help For Refugees.

Bankers have raised a loan fund of \$9,000,000 (Gold) in order to relieve the refugees' immediate needs.

Down in the marshes, where the break will be made, numbers of the evicted people are going with a good grace, but others are bitterly resentful, and are patrolling the levee armed with shot-guns, proclaiming their determination forcibly to resist the dynamiting.

Wall Street's Anxiety.

A message from New York states that Wall Street is watching the flood situation with the deepest interest and anxiety.

The New York Times quotes bankers' advisers estimating the damage to property and railroads at \$7,000,000 (Gold).

A Site Selected, Later.

Mr. Hoover and his party returned aboard the Government launch after selecting a site 100 yards to the south of an orange grove, a Refining Company's premises and the Industrial Alcohol Distillery of Polydras, as the place where the embankment will be broken in at noon in the effort to save New Orleans from being flooded.

The party ridiculed a report that rifle shots were heard in the distance, fired at it by discontented farmers.

COLONIAL PROBATES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 28th.

The House of Lords has passed the second reading of a Bill to enable the application of the Colonial Probates Act of 1893 to certain protected States and mandated territories, by an Order in Council.

Lord Cave, moving the second reading, said the object was to avoid the trouble and expense of double probate. This already operated in the case of certain British protectorates, and also in Palestine. The Federated Malay States had desired this for some years.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S SPEECH.

CAUSTIC CRITICISM.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

BUENOS AIRES, April 28th.

In an article headed "Extraordinary Declarations," the newspaper La Prensa criticises President Coolidge's speech of April 25th, declaring that the statements therein are contrary to the principles of international law, and that the speech is characterized by "judicial enormities" and "false reasoning," and that President Coolidge is claiming to impose United States laws on their countries.

Finally the article describes the speech as "imperialistic delirium."

WORLD-FAMOUS PAINTINGS.

STOLEN IN MOSCOW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Moscow, April 28th.

Five world-famous pictures have been stolen from the Moscow Art Museum. They are Rembrandt's "Christ," Titian's "Ecce Homo," Correggio's "Holy Family," Carlo Dolce's "Saint John," and Payssier's "Tortured Christ."

The thief cut out the principal parts of the pictures of Titian and Rembrandt, thus spoiling the famous background of the "Christ."

ANTI-COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA.

VIGOROUS PAPER WARFARE.

HANKOW ACCUSED OF ROBBERY PEOPLE OF \$21,000,000.

The war of propaganda waged by the Chiang Kai Shek party and Chinese merchants continues merrily. In the course of a lecture, Mr. Lung Shun, chairman of the Shanghai branch of the Kuomintang, says that the Hankow Communist Government is composed entirely of corrupt and undisciplined persons who have robbed the people of more than \$21,000,000 since proclaiming the moratorium. Unless these people are exterminated there can never be peace in China, he said.

Chinese papers report that, acting under instructions from the Nationalist Political Bureau, a party of soldiers visited the different Kuomintang headquarters at Pootung, Nanhui and Chuansha and suppressed them in addition to arresting several scores of notorious Communists. In view of the large quantities of Communist leaflets and application forms found, the authorities consider that they were justified in suppressing these places which, they say, were not Kuomintang branches but Communist nests.

The Nationalist military authorities are reported to have offered rewards of \$1,000 each for about 25 leading members of the Communist party and \$500 each for the arrest of their followers.

A Merchants' Organisation.

Messrs. Wong King Yung, Chang Sian Ling and De Yock Sung, leading merchants of the French Concession, who have organized the Anti-Communist League, an organization which is receiving considerable support from all parts of the country, have circulated another telegram in which they deny that they have started this league to fight Communism for selfish reasons. They say that they have read too much of the activities of the Bolsheviks in Russia, and realized the menace they are facing in China; so they have issued their appeal to the public for support in the fight. They say, in conclusion, that they cannot and will not bear to see the beautiful Chinese civilization, several thousand years old, trampled down under the feet of the Bolsheviks. — N.C. Daily News.

INTERNATIONAL AIRWAY.

PERSIA'S BELATED OBJECTION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, April 28th.

Mr. O. Locker Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons that difficulties had arisen with the Persian Government regarding the rights of British aircraft to fly over Persian territory on the Cairo to Karachi air route. The difficulties were due to a recent and sudden reversal of the policy by the Persian Government, which decided not to allow an international airway along the southern coast of Persia. A written agreement, which if it had entered into force, would have secured the opening of this route to international traffic, had in fact been signed by the Persian Foreign Minister and the British Minister at Tehran on behalf of the Imperial Airways, Limited, in September, 1925. Further negotiations with the Persian Government on the subject were now in progress.

INDIAN NAVY BILL.

DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, April 28th.

The House of Lords to-day passed the second reading of the Indian Navy Bill, which has already passed the House of Commons.

Lord Birkenhead said the Bill aimed at the development of the Indian Navy from the existing nucleus of the Royal Indian Marine service into an instrument which, though primarily designed for Indian local defence alone, would be fitted to take its part as one of the groups of Overseas Navies co-ordinated by a common tradition and a common basis to Imperial naval interests. Simultaneously, by making possible the creation of an Indian Navy it would bring Indian naval defence into its proper place within a system of the Indian constitution.

Viscount Haldane, on behalf of the Labour Party, supported the Bill and pointed out that strategically it seemed proper that India should have a navy of her own for military purposes, India was really an island.

PARLIAMENT'S LOST CONTROL.

THE NEW BUREAUCRACY. NOW HOLDING REAL POWER IN ENGLAND.

[ST MAROLD COX.]

The greatest political change that has taken place within the lifetime of the present generation is the decline in the power of Parliament. Fifty years ago the House of Commons commanded general respect as the ruling authority in the kingdom; to-day by the large majority of people its proceedings are almost ignored. People do not trouble to read debates which lead to nothing. Whatever may be said in the course of a debate, the Government goes its own way, and the majority votes in obedience to the party whips. To-day there is no visible connection between the proceedings of the Government and the wishes of the more responsible electors; it is supposed to represent.

Two outstanding facts illustrate this statement. The first is the failure of the Government to take action against Russian Communist agents in Great Britain. That the large majority of Conservative members in the House of Commons are in favour of drastic action to stop this abuse of international relationships is indisputable; but the Government refuses to move and the Conservative majority remains powerless.

Even more serious is the refusal of the Government to reduce public expenditure. On this point, the whole Conservative Party, including the Prime Minister himself, is definitely pledged to the country by the promises made in the general election of 1924.

The whole party as one man then declared that it was imperative to reduce the country of the burden of taxation which was blocking the development of industry. This statement was explicitly repeated in the King's Speech when the Conservatives took office in December 1924. Three months later Mr. Churchill, who had been selected to act as a Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced his first Budget and promised that expenditure should be cut down year by year by ten millions a year. The promised reduction was totally inadequate in view of the needs of the country; it was, in fact, itself a farcical comment on the pre-election declarations of the Conservative Party. Perhaps for that very reason Mr. Churchill came to the conclusion that it was not worth while to trouble to give effect to his words. At any rate, instead of reducing expenditure at all, he has already increased it by over £200,000,000 compared with the figure inherited from his predecessor.

Why has this been done? Solely because the House of Commons no longer controls the Cabinet and the Cabinet no longer controls the government of the country. In effect power has passed from the elected representatives of the people to the permanent bureaucracy. The aim of the bureaucracy in England to-day is to reduce the number of years of the Empire to its own importance to multiply its numbers and enlarge its pay.

The dangers of this ever-progressing movement to the credit of the country, to the prosperity of our industries, and to the enterprise of our people can hardly be exaggerated. Yet members of the Cabinet and members of the House of Commons are afraid to take any definite steps to stop the evil. In the other branch of the Legislature, the House of Lords, which in this as in most matters to-day represents the real interests of the country far better than the House of Commons—a practical suggestion was made the other day that no new Civil Servants should be enlisted for at least two years.

The probability is that the present Cabinet, taking its orders from the bureaucracy, will not merely ignore that suggestion but will largely increase the number of Civil Servants. And the House of Commons will submit. That Assembly, in fact, has completely lost its ancient power; it has lost them because it no longer represents a comparatively small electorate composed mainly of taxpayers, but represents instead a vast mass of people most of whom have no interest whatever in the grave problems that affect the general welfare of the nation. — Daily Mail.

AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT.

LAST MEETING AT MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE. The Federal Parliament, which opens its next session on May 9th at the new capital, Canberra, has held its last sitting at Melbourne. Not much sentiment was expended in bidding farewell to the city which has been the seat of the national Government for more than 25 years. The chief anxiety of Ministers was to force an early conclusion of the sitting to permit them to catch the express to Sydney to share in the welcome to the Duke and Duchess of York.

The final business, however, included the hurried passing of an Act voting £20,000 to the Victorian Government, to provide a memorial of the Federal use of Parliament House.

WEEK-END SPORTING EVENTS.

Football, Tennis, Yachting and Rowing, Steeplechase Meeting, etc., etc.

THE WEEK-END PROGRAMME.

BATCH OF INTERESTING FIXTURES.

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

There is quite a full programme of sport for the week end. Many will, of course, make the journey from Kowloon to Kwanti, for the Fanling Hunt Steeplechase Meeting, postponed earlier on account of weather conditions. Rapiers' tips in connection with this event will be found in another column.

A large crowd is expected despite the promise of a hot day, at Happy Valley, where the final of the Lai Wah Cup competition is being played between the Civilians and the Army.

The Yacht Club have arranged a specially interesting afternoon, the events including the closing cruise for yachts and rowing races, mention of which is made in another column.

Though no competitions are taking place Fanling Golf Course will attract many members and there is sure to be a good crowd for the Tennis Tournament matches on the H.K.C.C. ground. The opening matches of the Tennis League also take place this afternoon.

There is a hockey match between the Wanderers and the 2nd Punjab Regiment, and a rifle shooting competition for the "Quarry Bay" Cup at Volunteer Headquarters.

Macao offers an attraction in the form of the Colony's big Athletic Meeting which opens to-day, continues to-morrow and will conclude on Tuesday. Steamers during the week-end should do a good trade, and special times have been arranged for the event.

Some splendid trophies have been offered for competition, and in addition to prizes for competitors securing the highest aggregate of points, a special prize will be offered to the Club whose members secure the greatest number of points on the events to be competed for.

To-morrow the South China Athletic Association are holding their annual sports at Happy Valley.

V.R.C. BOXING.

ENTRIES CLOSE TO-DAY.

Those intending to compete are reminded that entries for the Amateur Boxing Tournament, open to all Amateur Clubs, H.M. Services and Local School Boys, to be staged at the Victoria Recreation Club next Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, close to-day at the Club at six o'clock.

In addition to the events given on the programme below, there will be a special ten-round contest on the final night of the Tournament, Saturday next. The contests begin each night at six o'clock, with a second session at nine o'clock. The finals will be decided on Saturday only.

The programme for the tournament is—

For Schools Of The Colony.

- 1.—Bantamweights. Boys under 65 lbs.
- 2.—Lightweights. Boys 65 to 75 lbs.
- 3.—Middleweights. Boys 75 to 90 lbs.
- 4.—Heavyweights. Boys 90 to 115 lbs.

The above events will be under A.B.A. rules.

Open Events.

- 5.—Bantamweights. Men under 6 stone 8 lbs.
- 6.—Featherweights. Men under 9 stone.
- 7.—Lightweights. Men under 9 stone 9 lbs.
- 8.—Welterweights. Men under 10 stone 7 lbs.
- 9.—Middleweights. Men under 11 stone 8 lbs.
- 10.—Heavyweights. Catchweights. Events 5' 10" to 10' will be under I.S.B.A. rules.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

END OF SEASON TO-DAY.

THE LAI WAH CUP FINAL.

To-day the football season in the Colony "officially" comes to a close.

The only match down for decision is to be played on the Hong Kong Football Club ground, kick-off at 1.30 p.m. and the competition is: Final: Lai Wah Challenge Cup.

The Army v. Civilians (holders).

Army.—Lt. Murray (Cameronian); Br. Trim (R.A.) and Sgt. Everest (R.A.F.C.); Pte. Everest (R.O.S.B.), Sgt. Simms (R.A.M.C.) and Rftm. Murdoch (Cameronian); Br. Ward (R.A.), Rftm. McLeod (Cameronian), Sgt. Leach (R.A.), Sgt. McGlinchey (R.O.S.B.), and Rev. Alexander, C.F. (R.O.S.B.).

Civilians.—G. Rodger (H.K. Club); Wymie (H.K. Police) and Bishop (H.K. Club); McBride (H.K. Club); Hudson (H.K. Police); and C. F. Remedios (Club de Recreio); Hayes (Kowloon F.C.), J. Silva, Gosano, L. Rocha and Brown (Club de Recreio).

Referee: Mr. Dawes, R.N.; Linesmen: S. Sgt. Gilbert, R.A.O.C., and Mr. Baldwin.

The game will be of ninety minutes duration and extra time will be played, if necessary.

This game is the official winding up of local football. The Army will field the same side that defeated the Navy in the opening game of the competition, McLeod of the Cameronian, replacing Donnelly, of that Regiment, at inside right. Excell of the R.A. played for the Army last week in the Charity game against Hong Kong, but Trim of the same Unit takes his place in the Lai Wah Cup.

The Civilians will be out to win the cup for the third year in succession, but they will find the Army team hard to beat. With four Club de Recreio forwards, the Civilians should do well with the ground on the hard side. This should suit the nippy forwards of the Recreio although they will be up against a strong middle line in Simms, Everest and Murdoch.

This cup was presented to the H.K.F.A. by the Lai Wah Company in 1925. The Civilians have won it two years in succession.

SERVICES' SOCCER FINALS AT SHANGHAI.

"DESPATCH" WINS NAVY TROPHY.

"GRAND OLD LADY" PRESENTS THE CUP.

Two of the soccer competitions organized by the Shanghai Football Association for the British Services in Shanghai were brought to a conclusion last night, says the *North China Daily News* of last Tuesday, the British Navy Cup being won by H.M.S. *Despatch* after a hard-fought game against the flagship, H.M.S. *Hawkins*, and the British Army Company Cup being taken by the Headquarters Wing of the 2nd Bn. Durham Light Infantry, who beat "D" Company of the same battalion by four goals to one.

The game between the *Hawkins* and the *Despatch*, on the Polo ground, attracted a fair number of Services spectators and a good few civilians. The *Despatch* scored first and just as it appeared that everything was over but the shouting—and there was quite a lot of that—*Hawkins* equalized. Extra time of ten minutes each way was played, and in the first period of which *Despatch* again got the lead through a penalty.

Presentation of Cup.

The Navy Cup has been donated by Mrs. John Prentice, widow of the Football Association's popular president for many years. In introducing Mrs. Prentice to the Naval men, Mr. B. Grimshaw, president of the Shanghai Football Association, referred to Mrs. Prentice's keen interest in Shanghai soccer for many years.

Mrs. Prentice mentioned that she had been in Shanghai for 67 years, and that during all that time she had seen British soldiers in Shanghai on only one previous occasion—the time of the Boxer trouble. During all the other years, although she knew that she was protected, and ably by the British Army, and she was more than pleased to present the trophy to H.M. Navy.

(Continued on next column).

HOME FOOTBALL.

THE PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

LEAGUE FIXTURES NEARLY CONCLUDED.

The Home League Football programme for the 1926-27 season is fast drawing to a close, and according to the official fixture list, with the exception of one or two outstanding mid-week matches, there only remains one more Saturday for League football after to-day. The positions of the Champions of each Division are practically assured, but the struggle for second place and promotion is still very interesting.

The complete fixtures for to-day are given below:—

English League: Division I.

Arsenal v. Birmingham.
Aston Villa v. Blackburn R.
Bolton v. Huddersfield T.
Burnley v. Leicester C.
Cardiff C. v. Everton.
Derby C. v. W. Brom. A.
Leeds U. v. West Ham.
Liverpool v. Tottenham H.
Manchester U. v. Sunderland.
Newcastle U. v. Wednesday.
Sheffield U. v. Bury.

Division II.

Bradford C. v. Barnsley.
Chelsea v. Manchester C.
Clapton C. v. Blackpool.
Hull C. v. Oldham A.
Middlesbrough v. Reading.
Notts C. v. Grimsby T.
Preston N.E. v. Darlington.
Southampton v. Notts F.
South Shields v. Portsmouth.
Wolves v. Fulham.

Division III (Southern).

Brentford v. Gillingham.
Brighton and H.A. v. Newport C.
Bristol R. v. Crystal Pal.
Exeter C. v. Queens Park R.
Luton T. v. Bournemouth & B.A.
Millwall v. Watford.
Northampton v. Abertard A.
Norwich C. v. Plymouth A.
Southend U. v. Bristol C.
Swindon T. v. Coventry C.

Division III (Northern).

Accrington S. v. Rotherham U.
Barnsley v. Wigan Boro.
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Scottish League: Division I.

Aberdeen v. Motherwell.
Celtic v. Partick T.
Cowdenbeath v. Hibernians.
Dundee v. Queen's Park.
Hamilton A. v. Falkirk.
Hearts v. Darnley.
Morton v. Clyde.
Rangers v. Kilmarnock.
St. Johnstone v. Airdrieonians.
St. Mirren v. Dundee U.

MID-WEEK LEAGUE MATCHES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Three League football matches were played at Home on Thursday. After losing in the Cup Final, the Arsenal, playing away, won their match against Blackburn by the odd goal in three.

Of interest in Division II is that Clapton Orient by defeating Chelsea, who are struggling for promotion, improved their prospects of avoiding relegation, and incidentally have spoiled Chelsea's hopes of going up to the premier Division.

The results, as cabled by Reuter, follow:—

Division I.

Blackburn 1, Arsenal 2.
Division II.
Clapton O. 3, Chelsea 0.

Division III (Northern).

Charlton A. 3, Newport 0.

Leading-Cook Hill, the captain of the *Despatch* team, then handed a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Prentice, making a few appropriate remarks as he did so.

The proceedings terminated with a husky petty officer calling for three cheers for "the Grand Old Lady," and these were given with the full jump-power of the British Navy behind them.

GOLF.

TO-MORROW'S STARTING TIMES.

There are no competitions at Fanling this week-end, but the starting times arranged for to-morrow are given below:—

9.30 a.m. A. Morley and J. F. Kennedy.
9.30 " W. J. Sutherland and T. A. Martin.
9.30 " J. Fleming and A. Ritchie.
9.40 " K. A. Mason and J. K. Shaw.
9.44 " G. E. Ellams and J. Coulthart.
9.48 " D. G. Bruce and K. S. Morrison.
9.52 " W. J. Clerk and C. A. Peet.
9.56 " E. T. Mahon and W. C. Murray.
10.00 " C. Thwaites and F. D. Wood.
10.04 " N. L. Smith and J. W. Franks.
10.08 " R. K. Hepburn and F. B. Jones.
10.12 " D. M. Goodall and E. P. Fletcher.
10.16 " V. M. Grayburn and E. D. C. Wolfe.
10.20 " F. G. Bennett and C. F. Stander.
10.24 " S. T. Bastin and A. J. Frank.
10.28 " N. K. Littlejohn and T. Low.
10.32 " E. R. Hallifax and A. B. Raworth.
10.36 " L. R. Andrews and L. G. S. Dodwell.
10.40 " T. L. Christie and A. O. Brown.
10.44 " W. D. Brown and H. R. Cleland.
10.48 " F. A. Redmond and C. F. Stark.
10.52 " Major Wynne and J. S. Austin.
10.56 " W. L. Dumbard and J. S. MacLaren.
11.00 " Capt. C. A. Collier and Colonel Pallant.
11.04 " A. Leach and A. E. Lissaman.
11.08 " Major Lynch and Major Lucas.

U.S. BASEBALL.

NATIONAL AND AMERICAN LEAGUE RESULTS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, April 29th.
Baseball matches played in the National and American Leagues resulted as follow:—

National League.

April 21st: New York 2, Philadelphia 4.
Brooklyn 0, Boston 3.
Pittsburg 3, Cincinnati 2.

April 22nd: Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 1.
April 23rd: New York 5, Philadelphia 1.
Brooklyn 2, Boston 3.
Pittsburg 4, Cincinnati 0.
St. Louis 7, Chicago 0.

April 24th: New York 12, Boston 5.
Brooklyn 1, Philadelphia 5.
Cincinnati 3, Chicago 5.
St. Louis 5, Pittsburg 1.

April 25th: Philadelphia 12, Boston 4.
Cincinnati 11, Chicago 9.
St. Louis 1, Pittsburg 0.

April 26th: Brooklyn 5, New York 7.
Cincinnati 4, Chicago 4.
St. Louis 1, Pittsburg 2.

April 27th: Cincinnati 1, Chicago 2.
American League.

April 21st: Boston 4, Washington 7.
Philadelphia 6, New York 13.
April 22nd: Boston 3, Washington 7.
April 23rd: Philadelphia 4, New York 3.
Boston 5, Washington 4.
Detroit 1, St. Louis 15.
Chicago 3, Cleveland 2.

April 24th: Washington 3, New York 6.
Cleveland 4, St. Louis 5.
Chicago 3, Detroit 4.

April 25th: New York 4, Washington 5.
Cleveland 5, St. Louis 1.
Chicago 7, Detroit 6.

April 26th: Boston 5, Philadelphia 9.
Cleveland 6, St. Louis 3.
Chicago 9, Detroit 2.

April 27th: Boston 1, Philadelphia 4.
Cleveland 2, St. Louis 4.
Chicago 7, Detroit 2.

HOME RACING.

ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS RESULT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, April 29th.
The following is the result of the Thousand Guineas:—

Crisma Rd (10/1) 1
Rock Law (13/1) 2
Endowment (3/1) (dead-heat) 3
Twenty-eight ran.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

JAPANESE PAIR ENTERS FINAL.

The first of the two semi-final matches in the Open Doubles Championship of the Colony was played on the Stand Court in the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground yesterday and resulted in a win for the Japanese pair, Honda and Akiyama, who beat Yew Man Tsun and Yew Man Kit by three sets to one, (7-5, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5). The weather was fine and a large number of people watched the match.

Both pairs played carefully throughout and Yew Man Kit, who gave the best all round performance, was the only player taking any risks. The Chinese opened shakily and did not get their eye in for several games. They made a very good uphill fight and brought the scores level from 5-2 down, but then lost the first set, Akiyama was smashing and hitting hard and accurately and Honda executed at the net.

The Chinese came into their own in the second set. They led 2 love and 4-2 and eventually took the set at 6-3. Akiyama and Yew Man Tsun both had gone off their game, but Yew Man Kit played brilliantly. The third set opened evenly, but the Japanese won four consecutive games from two games all. A good struggle was seen in the last set. Honda and Akiyama again had the lead, but the Chinese pulled up from 4-2 down to 3-4 in their favour. At 5-4, the Chinese lost their service game and the Japanese making no mistake ended the match.

On the run of play, the Japanese fully deserved their victory. Their combination was good and they were better in defence. Towards the end they fell, but their judicious hobbing kept the Chinese at bay. Honda played consistently well and Akiyama was forceful and accurate but at times his smashing was uncertain.

Yew Man Kit played the most spectacular game of the four. Time and again he beat his opponents with fine volleying and driving. Yew Man Tsun placed well, but his shots were much too slow.

Honda and Akiyama, therefore, enter the final to meet the winners of to-day's match.

The matches in the other were also interesting and some close finishes were seen.

The results were as follows:—
Open Doubles.

Semi-final: T. Honda and H. Akiyama beat Yew Man Tsun and Yew Man Kit, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Club Singles.

1st Round: G. W. Sewell beat Capt. E. G. Howard, 6-4, 6-1.

Handicap Singles "B".

1st Round: J. B. Collis (rec. 5/8) beat M. M. Watson (rec. 15/1), 9-7, 6-2.

Handicap Doubles.

4th Round: E. J. R. Mitchell and W. Hyde (owe 1/8) beat E. Grimble and H. Owen Hughes (owe 3/8), 9-5, 6-4, 11-9, 7-5.

Redmond and L. Foster (owe 15/3) beat D. J. Valentine and R. K. Valentine (scr.), 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, 5-6, 6-2, 6-2, 7-5.

3rd Round: R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley (owe 3/8) beat H. J. Armstrong and S. M. Garrard (rec. 3/8), 6-1, 10-8.

2nd Round: Major H. R. Edwards and Major W. B. Stevenson (owe 1/8) beat Dr. E. Tottenham and Capt. E. W. Morris, 6-4, 6-3.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

The second of the semi-final matches in the Open Doubles Championship of the Colony will be played this afternoon. The two pairs being H. D. Runjha and S. A. Runjha (holders, 1926 and 1926) and I. M. Razick and J. A. Cassumbhoy. They are all young players of the Indian Recreation Club and have been up against one another on their own courts times without number, the winners meet T. Honda and H. Akiyama in the final. Razack and Cassumbhoy drew a bye in the first and defeated the following pairs:—

T. D. E. Pendered and G. Minkin, 7-5, 6-2, 6-1.
E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

Col. C. Russell Brown and L. Forster, 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

The Runjhas defeated the following:—

L. M. S. Lloyd and W. A. Nowers, 6-4, 6-0, 6-2.
In Tak Cheuk and Lau Man Kwong, 6-0, 6-1, 6-0.

J. W. Leonard and N. Trambitzky, 6-2, 6-2, 6-0.
M. K. L. and Horace Lo, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

The other matches are also down for decision, viz., L. Forster (owe 5/8) v. S. M. Garrard (rec. 4/8) in the Handicap Singles "A" and E. G. Widdowson (rec. 15/1) v. T. S. Kennedy (rec. 15/1) in the semi-final of the Handicap Singles "B".

THE YACHT CLUB.

CLOSING CRUISE TO-DAY.

AN INTERESTING PROGRAMME.

Reference has already been made to to-day's closing cruise of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, which brings the yachting season officially to an end.

The programme gives every promise of a very interesting afternoon, and the weather should be exceptionally fine. The Club will be gaily decorated with bunting, while the entire yacht fleet will "dress ship."

Members and friends will be welcomed at the Club from 3 p.m. onward. Launches for the public will leave Statue Pier every 15 minutes from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and will also be available to bring visitors and members back to Hong Kong after the racing.

The Programme.

The programme comprises both yacht races and rowing events. The first yacht race is for combined English rig and Chinese rigged cruisers at 2 p.m., the course being Murray Pier (W. to E.), Cust Rock Buoy (S.), Club House (W. to E.), Distance 3 miles. At 3 p.m. there is a race for the Ladies' in the Handicap Class (Class letter H.). The course is from Club House Line (W. to E.) Mark East of Kowloon Dock Point (p), Cust Rock Buoy (p), Mark East Club House Line (p), twice round. Distance 4 miles. The third event starts at 3.25 p.m. for the Hayward Hayes and Gael classes, with the same course as the above race.

Rowing.

Reference has already been made this week to the rowing events. The principal race is for Admiral Leveson's Challenge Cup, to be competed for by His Majesty's units of all Services and local "Hong" crews. It is one of the premier local rowing trophies and is always very keenly contested.

The entries are:—
Butterfield & Swire: J. W. Robertson, J. D. Crawford, A. Moor, P. W. Blackwell and J. MacKay.

Volunteers: J. C. Middleton-Smith, C. B. Easterbrook, J. L. Stanton, K. S. Robertson and F. P. Landfesty.

H. K. and S. Bank: J. H. Sutcliffe, R. McIntyre, V. R. Jones, A. C. Groves and M. Mills.

H.M.S. *Titanic*: Lieut. G. Tanner, R. W. Moir, G. H. D. Duncan, E. R. Gibson and Lieut.-Comdr. T. I. S. Bell.

The race begins at 3.45 p.m. At 4.15 p.m. there is a dinghy race for boat boys, and at 4.30 the Club Four, teams being drawn for this afternoon. The course is one of three-quarters of a mile.

The last event is the Club Pairs for the Percy Smith Challenge Cup, over three-quarters of a mile. There are two entries.

The teams are:—
1.—Bow, Y. R. Jones; st., A. C. Groves; cox, M. Mills.

1.—Bow, C. B. Easterbrook; st., K. S. Robertson; cox, F. P. Landfesty.

At 5.30 p.m. Mrs. A. L. Shields, wife of the Vice-Commodore of the Yacht Club will present the prizes, these including those for to-day's events, and also the many won during the yachting season. There will be about eighty in all.

To-day's results and the complete prize list for the season will be given in Monday's *Daily Press*.

Tides.

To-day's tides are:—Low Water, 2.53 p.m. High Water, 8.33 p.m.

THE LEAGUE.

FIRST MATCHES TO-DAY.

To-day marks the opening of the Lawn Tennis League run by the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association. The Chinese Recreation Club are the defending champions in all three divisions and it will be a difficult position for the other Clubs to displace them.

The Hong Kong and Kowloon Cricket Club's fixture in the "A" division has been postponed and there is only one match in this division this afternoon. In the "B" and "C" divisions, most of the Clubs entered are engaged and the first results will certainly be awaited with interest.

The full list of matches is as follows:—

"A" Division.

United Services R.C. v. M.B.K.

"B" Division.

Kowloon C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C.

M.B.K. v. United Services R.C.

University v. South China A.A.

Oraigengov v. Royal Engineers

"C" Division.

Hong Kong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.

Nippon Club v. Chinese R.C.

Beccario v. South China A.A.

K.B.S.F.P.A. v. Oraigengov.

Netherlands T.C. v. Takao R.C.

RACING NOTES.

[By RAPIER.]

Kwanti should prove a popular rendezvous to-day as the sport will be good and the scene an ideal one for a pleasant Saturday afternoon.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. E. B. Ferrers, D.S.O., and Officers, the Band of the 1st Batt. of the Cameronian will render selections during the afternoon. "Bookies" will live up the proceedings and the usual cash sweeps and pari-mutuel will be there to tempt the speculator. Transport and other facilities will be as heretofore. The hounds will be on view and they will make a pretty picture for those who happen to have a camera in their possession.

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MISSING SUBMARINE PLANS.

CHARGE AGAINST NAVAL OFFICER.

A London newspaper to hand gives further particulars of the case, of which we have received cabled summaries, against a former lieutenant-commander in the Royal Navy, Colin Mayers, aged 33, who was charged at Bow Street, under the Official Secrets Act, of unlawfully having in his possession or control plans relating to two British submarines and with retaining them in his possession or control contrary to his duty from January 27th until March 15th.

Mayers was described as an engineer, of Dunvegan, Hawcoat Lane, Barrow-in-Furness. Mr. Eustace Fulton, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said the plans related to submarines M.1 and M.2, which had been entrusted to Mayers by his commanding officer, the commander of H.M.S. Dolphin.

Mayers was from August, 1925, to July, 1926, Instructional Officer and Senior Submarine Officer at Gosport, near Portsmouth, and also commander of Submarine M.2. He was retired on January 27th of this year, when he took employment with Messrs. Vickers at Barrow-in-Furness.

He had access to a number of plans without any restriction. After January the plans and sketches used for instructional purposes were checked, and some which had been issued to Mayers were missing.

On March 12th Captain Brodie, R.N., in control of the command, wrote to Mayers on the subject, stating that the matter was rather urgent.

How Plans Were Found. Mayers had had under him a petty officer named Goldsmith, who at some time in March was allotted other duty. Two letters addressed to the petty officer were opened by Captain Brodie, one being a large official envelope of Messrs. Vickers and the other an ordinary letter.

Inside the large envelope were found the missing plans and a letter from Mayers to Goldsmith stating:

Now then, Goldsmith, take them (referring to the plans) out of this envelope and put them in an H.M.S. Tie it up with tape.

The letter went on to tell the petty officer to produce the envelope from some drawer and take it to Captain Brodie. There was another letter, which Goldsmith was told to hand to Captain Brodie to explain the circumstances in which the plans were found.

House Searched. A search was made at Mayers's house and office and a number of documents of a similar character to those in the Vickers envelope were found.

Mayers was remanded in custody until April 2nd.

DRAMA OF THE ANIMAL WORLD.

THE LOVE-MAKING MOTIVE.

"The Drama of the Animal World" was the subject of a lecture at the Guildhouse, Eccleston-square, by Professor J. Arthur Thomson.

The motives of the drama were hunger and love; and the plot evolution. The cast of players, he reminded his audience, has changed greatly from age to age. The scenery enormously from age to age.

Coming to the motive of love-making in the drama, Professor Thomson described an incident of a visit to Sutherlandshire one spring. He was told that if he was lucky he would be able to see the tournament of the black cock.

By a level sword on the shoulder of a hill, he waited from 2.30 till dawn. There came two black cocks, and alighted, then two more, and four more, till there were eight. And there was such a lively tournament. They rushed at one another and uttered loud cries, and leaping into the air struck at one another with their feet, and lunged at one another with their bills.

Then came a rustling in the trees. That was the arrival of the grey hens, about five or six. Instantly the whole atmosphere changed. No more jousting now, but the beginning of a dance. They showed off their good points in this dance, and the dance grew fast and furious.

Anxious to see more, he raised his head above the level of the wall by a rustling in the branches of the trees, and the stage was empty—love's labour lost that morning.

Then he described the charm of the courting of Italian fire-lies. It was an evening of lovely summer in Northern Italy. Sparks were in the air, flitting up and down, flickering lights—the Italian fire-lies. In the grass were other sparks, and signals passed from the air to the grass and from the grass to the air. And round each female gathered suitors, to the number of eight or twelve, and light signals travelled to and fro.

The courting in this delicate, fine way, he said, is often carried on so long that dawn comes before the coquette has made up her mind.

REGARDING THE FLEET.

NEW CRUISERS FOR CHINA.

THE "NELSONS" FOR HOME WATERS.

The decision that the two *Nelsons* shall join the Atlantic Fleet on passing into service has come rather as a surprise, since it seems to have been a foregone conclusion that they would go to the Mediterranean. True, there was no more definite ground for this assumption than the fact that the Mediterranean Fleet is the premier sea command, and therefore it should naturally follow that it would get the latest and most powerful ships. But no doubt there are other reasons than the mere question of strategic distribution which have influenced the official decision.

The two *Nelsons* represent an entirely new type of battleship. When their nemical trials are finished there will be much testing and experimenting still to be done. This can be carried out more effectively in home waters than in the Mediterranean. Not only are the resources of the home Dockyards considerably more extensive than those of Malta, but members of the big staff of specialists and scientists which is now-a-days maintained at the Admiralty will be better able to keep in touch with the new ships.

Nor is it improbable that diplomatic considerations have been taken into account. The policy of grouping the great bulk of our striking strength in the "interior" lines of the Mediterranean is strategically sound, but on this very account it is not particularly pleasing to France and Italy. By retaining the two new battleships in home waters the Admiralty are inferentially making a pacific gesture. With the air full of talk about limitations of armaments this may be intended as a token of sincerity—if it is intended as anything at all politically.

As to what will be done with the new cruisers which will be ready for service in the course of the next few months this point is cleared up by Mr. Bridgeman's statement that the whole of them will be sent to China, to replace older ships on that station. In this decision we get another illustration of the strategic importance which the Admiralty now attach to the East. Last year the East Indies Squadron received three of our latest cruisers. China has nothing of the sort, and the condition of that country, although it may have something to do with the ultimate possibilities which lie in the situation. In point of fact, it is merely a logical development of the policy under which Singapore is being converted into a great naval base.—*Naval and Military Record.*

TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

POPULARITY OF DIFFERENT TOURS.

As evidence of the popularity of Canadian ships, at home and abroad, the Canadian Pacific *Empress of France* sailed from New York recently on her annual cruise of the Mediterranean booked to her cruise capacity. In all over 400 passengers were aboard for the two-months' voyage to many of the world's "high spots."

The cosmopolitan group of wanderers was composed of people from every branch of activity in North America. Some were habitual globe trotters, but in the main they represented the average successful citizen going abroad with the satisfaction of having achieved his life's desire—travel. Every province and state on this continent was represented.

According to recent statements made by Walter Maughan, steamship passenger traffic manager, cruising to the four corners of the earth has come to stay. The traveller of the hour approves of the arrangements made by experienced hands, and of going from place to place under one management on ship and shore.

This obviates worry to the passengers, as every small detail incident to foreign travel is worked out and seen to by the cruise managers and directors, intricate money transactions in foreign currency included. The *Empress of France* has won the hearts of the travelling public as she has possibly carried as many world celebrities as any other ship afloat, including the heir to the British throne, who has travelled to and from America four times on her.

After two consecutive years as the Canadian Pacific Mediterranean cruise ship, the *Empress of France* will next year break the trial for the new cruise to South America and South Africa, now being arranged by the company. She will, in addition to touching many ports in the southern hemisphere not readily accessible to the tourist, pay calls once more, at the closing portion of the cruise, to the familiar ports of the Mediterranean.

CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

St. Paul's & St. James, May 1st, 1927, 2nd Sunday after Easter.—Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Children's Service at 10 a.m. Matins at 11 a.m.

Preacher—Rev. W. R. Cannell. Holy Communion at 12 noon. Evening at 6 p.m.

Preacher: Rev. Hyde Gosselin, A.M. A Social Gathering will be held in the Cathedral Hall after Evening Music and Light Refreshments.

TUESDAY, May 2nd, 6 p.m.—O. E. M. S. Meeting.

UNION CHURCH
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SUNDAY SERVICES, May 1st.—Sunday School at 9.45 a.m. Morning Service at 10.30 a.m. Hymns: 41, 317, 549 and 378.

Subject of Sermon: Propagandism. Vocal and Instrumental Recital at 5.30 p.m.

Dr. Macandless will sing: "The Psalmist" by E. Van der Water, and "Nimrod" by E. Van der Water. Organ Solo, by Mr. G. E. Longyear. Theme is: "Folklore: Folklore: Folklore."

Evening Service at 6 p.m.—Hymns: 314, 272, 437 and 375. Anthem: "O Love The Lord." Subject: "The Still Small Voice." Preacher both Morning and Evening—Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL
REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, April 29th.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 1 p.m.
Barometer...	29.92	29.79	29.76
Temperature...	81	72	73
Humidity...	64	90	78
Wind...	West	Cal'm	Cal'm
Force...	2	0	0
Weather...	B	O	O
Rain...	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 29th: 81.

Lowest open-air Temperature, 29th: 72.

B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Qualls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 30th to May 6th, 1927.

High Water. Low Water.

Days of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Sat.	30	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Sun.	1	8 53	4 3	2 35	1 8
Mon.	2	9 28	6 8	3 23	1 1
Tues.	3	9 49	7 1	4 10	0 6
Wed.	4	10 30	7 2	4 18	0 3
Thur.	5	10 49	4 5	4 42	3 3
Fri.	6	11 5	7 1	4 43	1 0
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		11 43	6 8	7 49	1 3

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Tak Hing, Chinese str., 185 tons, Capt. Cheng Yang Fat, from Antau, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf—Fook Hoi Co.
Teichin Maru, Japanese str., 1,007 tons, Capt. S. Isumiyama, from Canton, lying at Stonecutters—N.Y.K.

Wingwo, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. L. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf—Kow Koo Co.
Yan On, Chinese str., 684 tons, Capt. L. Jacks, from Canton, lying at buoy No. C37—Canton and Shanghai S.S. Co.

April 30th.
Empress of Asia, British str., 16,009 tons, Capt. L. D. Douglas, from Vancouver via Japan ports and Shanghai, with 1,000 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—O.P.S. Ltd.

Hague Maru, Japanese str., 3,451 tons, Capt. H. Oishi, from Kobe and Iloilo. The latter port she left on April 25th, with sugar and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A10—O.S.K. Lin. French str., 7,739 tons, Capt. Girard, from Dunkirk, Antwerp, London and Saigon. The latter mentioned port she left on April 28th, with iron, glassware, rice and general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—M.M.

Hwah Wu, Chinese str., 2,738 tons, Capt. 2,738 tons, Capt. S. Takawori, from Chinwangtao, which port she left on April 22nd, with a cargo of coal, lying at Laichikok—Dodwell & Co.

Kranviken, Norwegian str., 1,519 tons, Capt. O. Monsen, from Saigon, which port she left on April 23rd, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C14—Waller & Co.

Seichuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. J. R. Shearer, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11—B. & S.

Tugela, Norwegian str., 3,462 tons, Capt. A. Kjoie, from Oslo via Singapore. The latter port she left on April 24th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A29—Thorsen & Co.

Venezia L, Italian str., 4,877 tons, Capt. B. Giovanni, from Trieste and Singapore. The latter port she left on April 22nd, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Dodwell & Co.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. Empress of Asia, on April 29th:—European passengers for Hong Kong: Miss E. Darville, Miss A. McNeill, Dr. J. K. Milward, Mr. W. H. Peters, Mr. A. Ashworth, Mr. J. Bourne, Mr. J. H. Green, Mrs. Manley, Mr. R. Maurin, Mr. J. C. Noy, Mr. P. I. Newman, Mr. P. F. O'Hara, Mr. R. H. Purcell, Mrs. Purcell, Miss R. Rumjahn, Mr. C. L. Armstrong, Capt. W. Brewer, Rev. W. C. Mrs. C. Cadman, Miss F. Drew, Mr. C. F. Goff, Mr. G. Y. Leekun, Mrs. Leekun, Miss W. Archer, Mr. C. E. T. Anderson, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. F. Masch, Mrs. Masch, Mr. Wm. Heem Fay, Mr. R. Moon, Miss B. Moon, Mrs. M. R. Pereira, Mrs. J. C. P. Assumpcao, Master M. A. Pereira, Master E. M. Pereira. Among passengers passing through on their way for Manila were: Mr. L. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. M. S. Teulier, Miss M. S. Teulier, Mr. B. B. Teulier, Major S. P. Budd, Mrs. Budd, Mr. R. Martinez, Miss J. B. McGeechie, Mr. T. L. Zung, Mr. J. Buckley, Mr. F. W. Pucknell, Miss K. Barr, Miss J. Dietz, Mrs. M. Galera, Mr. S. E. Jackson, Mr. E. Littell, Miss I. A. Pokropivny, Miss N. Sander, Rev. E. L. Souder, Mrs. Souder, Miss M. Souder, Master E. M. Souder, C. Souder, Mr. D. S. Williams, Mrs. Williams, Mr. P. V. Javier, Rev. S. D. Lomasson, Mrs. Lomasson, Miss R. E. Frush, and Miss A. E. Magee.

Per s.s. Empress of Asia, on April 29th:—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Beckman, Mr. J. Buckley, Miss K. Barr, Major and Mrs. S. P. Budd, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Carino, Mr. and Mrs. L. Campbell, Miss A. Drake, Miss J. Dietz, Mr. and Mrs. R. Francisco, Mr. I. Francisco, Miss R. F. Frush, Mr. A. S. Gray, Mrs. J. Gless, Mrs. M. Galera, Mr. Wm. Hasselmann, Mr. F. C. Hagrdorn, Mr. S. E. Jackson, Mr. P. V. Javier, Miss L. D. Kirkness, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Kjellberg, Rev. E. Littell, Mr. V. T. Manns, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Martinez, Misses C. Martinez (s), Miss A. E. Magee, Mr. R. Martinez, Miss J. B. McGeechie, Mrs. M. Neves, Miss M. Neves, Mr. N. C. Nyl, Mrs. S. Nishino, Mr. L. A. Ogly, Mr. D. Petrovitch, Miss I. A. Pokropivny, Mr. F. W. Pucknell, Mrs. M. V. Spotswood, Miss N. Sander, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Souder, Miss M. Souder, Master E. M. Souder, Master C. Souder, Mr. D. S. Teulier, Mr. M. S. Teulier, Miss M. S. Teulier, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Williams.

ROUND THE WORLD.

THE "BLACK SWAN" SETS OUT.

The Black Swan, the Wearne brother's smart little yacht which is to go on a voyage around the world with her owners (Messrs. T. J. B. and C. E. Wearne) on board, has been cleared for the first section of her long cruise. She was cleared on Monday, says the Singapore Free Press of April 21st, and on Tuesday morning Captain R. S. Bainbridge took the yacht out on a trial run. She gave every satisfaction.

The first port of call will be Bali Bueing, after which the run to Australia will commence. Calls will be made at the Western Australian seaports and then Fremantle, where the winter will be spent. The party intend to leave the yacht and take up their temporary residence in Mr. Wearne's house at Fremantle. It is proposed to leave Australia at about the end of October and sail for an extensive cruise among the South Sea Islands. According to arrangements the party will next cross the Pacific, sail through the Panama Canal and shape a course for Ceylon. The Mediterranean Sea is the next proposed cruising ground. The crew has been signed on for eighteen months and it is expected that the voyage will take about this length of time.

(Continued on next column).

CLEARANCES.

April 29th.
Arjuna, for Manila.
Ching Kong, for Tourane.
Empress of Asia, for Manila.
Hai Ning, for Swatow.
Helios, for Bangkok.
Hermes, for Bangkok.
Kungmin Maru, for Keelung.
Min, for Shanghai.
Nippon, for Singapore.
Szechuen, for Shanghai.
Taichin, for Shanghai.
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Venezia L, for Shanghai.
Yantai Maru, for Keelung.

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May 24	San Francisco	Majestic	June 25	Chrg-S'mpton July 1
June 1	Seattle	Leviathan	July 2	Chrg-S'mpton July 8
June 7	San Francisco	Olympic	July 15	Chrg-S'mpton July 16
June 15	Seattle	Goo. Washington	July 13	Chrg-S'mpton July 21
June 21	San Francisco	Homeric	July 23	Chrg-S'mpton July 29
June 29	Seattle	Leviathan	Aug. 1	Chrg-S'mpton Aug. 7
July 6	San Francisco	Majestic	Aug. 6	Chrg-S'mpton Aug. 12
July 13	Seattle	Berengaria	Aug. 10	Chrg-S'mpton Aug. 16
July 19	San Francisco	Leviathan	Aug. 20	Chrg-S'mpton Aug. 26

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TIENTSIN	"CHEONGSHING"	Thursday, 5th May, at 7 a.m.
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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 3	Sept. 6
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RETURNS.LOCAL AND THROUGH
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HEAVY COAL SHIPMENTS.

The returns during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday showed very low cargo imports here and small tonnage for ports beyond. Coal, however, was heavy and miscellaneous goods amounted to 2,755 tons.

Of the 12 arrivals, only 4 vessels discharged here. The total amount of general merchandise unloaded was 2,137 tons, of which, 1,063 tons were carried by two British steamers. The best return was 1,050 tons brought by the French steamer *Min* from Dunkerque and Saigon.

Through freights amounted to 1,278 tons. These were manifested on two British steamers.

In addition to the above, there were 2,634 tons of rice, 21 tons of charcoal, 50 tons of teakwood and 7,245 tons of coal discharged here. For ports beyond there were 2,500 tons of coal.

During the period under review there were 12 arrivals and 19 departures. The nationalities were:—British, 2 arrivals and 8 departures; Japanese, 3 arrivals and 2 departures; Norwegian, 2 arrivals and 2 departures; Chinese, 3 arrivals and 4 departures; Dutch, 1 departure; French, 1 arrival; German, 1 departure; American, 1 arrival and 1 departure.

The following were the vessels which contributed towards the cargoes mentioned above:—

S.S. *Morea* (British) from London and Singapore, 400 tons general for Hong Kong, and 470 tons for other ports.S.S. *Empress of Asia* (British) from Vancouver and Shanghai, 322 tons general for Hong Kong and 806 tons for other ports.S.S. *Min* (French) from Dunkerque and Saigon, 1,050 tons general for Hong Kong.S.S. *Kronviken* (Norwegian) 2,632 tons rice, 21 tons charcoal, 50 tons teakwood and 25 tons general for Hong Kong.S.S. *Oyama Maru* (Japanese) from Port Arthur, 5,300 tons coal for Hong Kong.S.S. *Kaito Maru* (Japanese), from Keelung and Swatow, 645 tons coal for Hong Kong.S.S. *Hua Shan* (Chinese) from Keelung, 1,000 tons coal for Hong Kong and 2,500 tons for other ports.S.S. *Empress of Asia* (British) from Vancouver and Shanghai, 322 tons general for Hong Kong and 806 tons for other ports.S.S. *Min* (French) from Dunkerque and Saigon, 1,050 tons general for Hong Kong.S.S. *Kronviken* (Norwegian) 2,632 tons rice, 21 tons charcoal, 50 tons teakwood and 25 tons general for Hong 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